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Translation: Mr. Robert E. Speer. Sympathize with you deeply in your loss; you have our prayers. Council meeting-s.

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York

DISTRICT FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE
OF THE
WOMAN'S COMMITTEE
Miss Margaret E. Hodge, *Chairman*

Dear Dr. Speer,

It may be that grief should
be a private thing: but we can-
not know that you grieve without
suffering in kind. We are men
and women, in many places who
have acclaimed your leadership.
Although this particular letter is
written by the St. Louis group of
District Foreign Correspondents.

Sincerely yours,

Ms Seward

Louise Major McKittrick

22 Thornley Ave

St Louis

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**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY**

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Albany, in session in the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Albany, three hundred strong, desire to express to Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer their deepest sympathy in the sorrow that has come to them and to assure Dr. Speer of their warm confidence in his leadership in the work of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. "May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus".

By the president,

Amy B. Taylor
(Mrs. Warren C. Taylor)

October 3, 1934.

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PRESBYTERY OF WATERLOO
J. A. LAURIE, D. D.
STATED CLERK AND TREASURER
R. NO. 2, CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

Sept. 30, 1934

Br. Robt. E. Speer,
156 5th Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Bro. Speer-

At a meeting of Waterloo Presbytery, just recently adjourned, I was directed as Stated Clerk to convey to you the fraternal love and deep sympathy of your brethren in this part of Iowa in the great sorrow which has come to you in the death of your son.

You probably know few of us individually but we all know you and have so often been cheered and inspired by you that we love you and wish very sincerely that we might in some way help and comfort you in your affliction.

When a student in Columbia and Union I used to go down to the Presbyterian Building to hear you and after a lapse of nearly 40 years I could outline some of those helpful addresses today.

We have all received stimulus and instruction from you at Assemblies, Synods, Presbyteries and Missionary and other conferences, not to mention your many writings. Now your brethren everywhere are sorrowing with you and praying for you and few of us who have grown old with you but have known in our own experiences such bereavements as enable us in a very real way to put ourselves in your place. In my own ministry I have laid to rest two beloved wives, a daughter, my mother and a father who served as a Presbyterian minister for 44 years. Recently my only remaining brother and sister

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have answered God's call, after years of splendid service for Christ and the rearing of fine useful families, so that heaven is nearer and far dearer to me than ever before. Father used to tell me, when I was a young minister, that one could never really sympathize with the bereaved until he himself had known bereavement.

That I now know is true, and therefore the brotherly love and sympathy which this brief letter tries to convey are, I am sure, very real and sincere, coming as they do from brethren, most all of whom have borne the burden and heat of many days of testing.

Times are extremely hard out here and the problems of the man of God many, but His guidance is unfailing and His grace sufficient.

May our God, Who has hitherto guided and used you, now sustain and richly bless you, mightily using you in His great harvest field, for years to come.

Very sincerely your brother in Christ,

J. A. Laurie
Stated Clerk, Waterloo Presbytery

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THE SYNOD OF COLORADO MEETING IN COLORADOSPRINGS WOULD EXPRESS ITS PRFOUND SYMPATHY OVER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF YOUR NOBLE SON PRAYING THAT HIS GRACE ALWAYS SUFFICIENT MAY ABUNDANTLY SUSTAIN YOU THE SYNOD WOULD ASSURE YOU OF ITS UNFLINCHING LOYALTY TO OUR GREAT BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS AND YOU ITS HEAD THE SYNODICAL UNITES IN THIS= GEO R EDMUNDSON STATED CLERK.

With deepest
sympathy.

The Misses Kelker

15 South Front Street

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY

October 8, 1934

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. and Mrs. Speer:

At the fall meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Rochester Presbytery, held last week, our President, Mrs. Paul Stratton, referred to the great bereavement you have recently suffered in the tragic death of your son; and it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that this letter be sent to you that you may know the women of Rochester Presbyterial extend to you their deep sympathy in your sorrow and remember you in prayer that you may be comforted with the comfort that God alone can give.

Yours very sincerely,

(Miss) Anna Raymond
Secretary.

457 Park Avenue,
Rochester, N. Y.

Ans
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Newark, N.Y.
Oct. 3, 1934

Dear Mrs and Dr. Speer,

It is our
wish that you know
how deeply and
sincerely every
member of the
Synod Presbyterial

ack,

My dear Mrs. Speer,

The Lynchburg
Y. W. C. A. can never cease
to be grateful to you for
your stay among us last
spring, to love you, and to
feel that anything that
touches you comes close to
us, also.

Our hearts go out to you

orrowing with and for you;
and that our prayers go out
to the God you love and serve
so well that His everlasting
arms may be around you and
bring you some measure of
comfort and peace.

Sincerely yours,
Marguerite W. Kern,
Corresponding Secretary.

Lynchburg, Virginia,
September 21, 1934.

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David W. Hutchinson, D. D.

99 DeMott Avenue

Clifton, N. J.

September 29, 1934

My dear Dr. Speer,

You and your family
have our sincere sympathy
in your bereavement.

We have thought of you
often in the past few
weeks.

Very truly yours,

David W. Hutchinson
S. C. Jersey City Presbytery

ack.

Young Womens Christian Association

MEMBER OF YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF U S A.

Fourth and Walnut Streets

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President

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General Secretary

#3516 Beruban St -

Dayton Pa.

Sept. 17/34.

Mrs Robert D free

#204 Jeannery Park

New York.

My dear Mrs D free:

The Board of Directors of the Harrisburg Y. W. C. A. wish to express to you their deepest sympathy in the loss of your son.

We feel that the bond of friend ship is a little closer in having one of your own family on our Board.

Most sincerely

[Mrs C. P.] Sara L. Feidt
Cor. Sec.

ack.



YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 17TH AND K STREETS, N. W.
METROPOLITAN 2102

My dear Mrs. Speer,
It is with the deepest
love and sympathy that our
thoughts turn to you at
this time.

We know that the courage
and faith needed for such
a trial are yours, and
always shall be.

Faithfully,
The Staff of the
Washington Y. W. C. A.

(Edith J. Rieger, secretary)

September 18, 1934

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Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Spur,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Friends:-

The members of the
Woman's Missionary Society
of the First Presbyterian
Church of Lansingburgh,
Troy, N. Y., desire to express
to you their most heartfelt
sympathy in the sorrow
which has come to you
in the tragic passing
on of your beloved son.
Be sincerely trust
that it may be some

measure of comfort to you
to know the unanimity
of the fond & tender feeling
and affection, which
unites our hearts with
yours in Christian
fellowship and prompts
us to make you aware
of our thought and our
prayers.

By direction of the Society
Clara M. Benedict,
Secretary.

September the twenty second
Nineteen thirty-four.

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MAHONING PRESBYTERY
THE STATED CLERK
1665 MEADOWBROOK AVENUE
YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Mr Robert F. Spear,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Doctor Spear,

The Presbytery of Mahoning at its meeting this week voted unanimously that the Moderator and Stated Clerk should communicate to you and to Mrs Spear assurance of the profound sympathy of every member thereof with you both in the sudden and most tragic loss of your beloved son at the hand of the unknown miscreant who shot him. We feel that the hearts of millions of people throb in amazed and sorrowful unison with those of all the members of your family. We earnestly assure you of our prayers, and are more than confident that the gracious Saviour of us all will enable you to patiently endure the crushing burden of your sorrow and affliction.

In behalf of all the members of Mahoning Presbytery, and in the Name of our blessed Lord and Saviour,

Yours most sincerely,

James Wilson Moderator.
F. Bruce W. Fraser Stated Clerk

September 21st 1934.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MENDHAM, NEW JERSEY

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Friday Oct 26th

Mr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Ave
New York

Dear Mr. Speer:-

At the October meeting of our missionary society a motion was passed that we extend to you and Mrs. Speer our sincerest sympathy in the great sorrow that has come upon you. We have remembered

you daily.

Sincerely

Mrs. J. R. Thompson.
Corresponding Secretary.

you in our prayers
and we feel sure
that The Great Comforter
whom you have so
effectively presented
to thousands of troubled
souls is standing
close beside you in
your time of grief
and trial.

Be sure that we
are praying for you
and thinking of

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FIRST SYNOD OF THE WEST

J. W. SPRINGER, STATED CLERK

237 CLEARVIEW ROAD

BELLEVUE STA., EMSWORTH, PA.

Sept. 20, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer,

New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:-The First Synod of the West (United Presbyterian), assembled in the First United Presbyterian Church, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 17-19, 1934, directs me to express on its behalf our sympathy for you in this hour of bereavement. We want you to know that we are thinking of you in these days as you walk in "the valley of the shadow of death." It is our prayer that the grace which is always sufficient may be so abundantly yours that it may be clear that "all things do work together for good to them that love God."

Grant M. McKnight, D.D., Moderator

J. W. Springer, Stated Clerk

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MURRAY SHIPLEY HOWLAND
80 VESTAL AVENUE
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

Dear Dr. Spen,
The Presbytery of Binghamton at its meeting this past week ^{ask^{ed}} me to express to you and Mrs. Spen the deep sympathy of all its members. The reality and genuineness of their expressions of love and feeling you would have found deeply moving. And I am sure you are finding real strength in the knowledge

of the multitude of your friends
who have you in their hearts
these days. It is a privilege
to me to send you these
words from our Presbytery

Faithfully

Murray R. Hefley, Moderator

September 23, 1934

Comfort



"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith
your God." Isa. 40:1



Comfort

Rev. A. Judson Arrick, D. D.

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith
your God." Isa. 40:1

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THE door into heaven has opened
once more,
And a loved one has passed to Eter-
nity's shore.

THE door to the Saviour stands open
forever,
Its portals not even the angels
can close;
The soul that will enter, e'en death
cannot sever,
'Tis safe from all harm, and all
of life's woes.

SOMETIMES in the dark, we travel
the road

Marked out by the Father above;
Our hearts are o'erburdened by the
weight of our load,

But we know 'tis the way of His
love.

And some day the mystery we cannot
explain,

The sorrow so heavy to bear;
By the Father Himself will all be made
plain,

When we gather at last over there.

ONE by one we're passing over.
One by one we cross the tide;
Soon we'll reach the peaceful harbor,
Rest at last on Canaan's side.

There, in that bright land of beauty,
With the loved ones gone before;
We will meet in blest reunion,
Meet to separate no more.

Then dispel thou darkening shadow;
Shine upon us Light above;
Take away the sting of parting;
Bring us soon to those we love.

But if we must toil and suffer,
Ease the hurt, and sooth the pain;
Make us know that in the daybreak
We shall see our loved again.

LIFE is a beautiful valley among the fruitful hills of God; we enter it at birth, for a season pluck its flowers, sometimes wounded by its thorns it may be; and then we pass on through the valley where lies the "shadow of death," into the fullness of the life eternal, to abide in the mansion of our Father, rejoicing in the blessedness of His everlasting love; the wounds all healed, and the terrors of the shadows forgotten.

HOW do you know it is only a shadow, and that there is the beauty beyond? One has passed through and has told us. He has conquered all its evils, and He walks with us, assures us of safety, and a dwelling place in the mansion.

WE know not all the way God leads
For hearts that are distressed;
We only know He sees their needs,
And gives them what is best.

And so we yield to His commands,
And follow day by day;
Unable yet to read His plans,
We'll trust Him, come what may.

If rough the path and dark the way
In which our feet have trod;
There soon shall dawn a brighter day,
When we shall dwell with God.

Ah there! In that bright land above,
Our loved ones we shall meet;
And join to sing a Saviour's love,
Where joy will be complete.

I wandered in the meadows in the early summer, and the flowers were smiling at my feet. I drank in their delicious odors, delighted with their beauty and refreshed by their perfume. I returned another day and they were gone; their beauty had faded, their leaves had decayed; there was only a memory of that which had delighted and refreshed me.

I mingled with men; friends and neighbors, rejoicing in their friendship; holding sweet communion with them day by day, by which my own life was made stronger, and out of which I gathered much of joy and gladness. In after years I returned to the old haunts, the friends and neighbors were gone; there was left only the memory of other days and the lives they had lived to cheer and gladden. I cherished the memory of the flowers, but far more precious was the memory of the friends I had known in the days of old.

AS I wandered in the meadows again after the flowers were gone, I knew they would never return again, but some day other flowers would bloom where these had been; and as I visited the old places, I realized that the old friends would not come back, but the memory of their lives cheered me, and with Christian joy I knew that in Christ Jesus I should see them again in a brighter world, and I was comforted.

THE TIMES RECORD CO., ALEDO, ILL.

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BAPTIST MINISTERS CONFERENCE
OF PHILADELPHIA & VICINITY

GROVES W. DREW, D. D.
SECRETARY

1318 RITNER STREET Sept 18 1933

Dear Dr Spicer.

At the session of the
Conference of ministers yesterday
grief was manifested at the death
of your son Elliott & I was in-
structed to express deepest sympathy
to you & all your loved ones in this

how of your deep sorrow.

We deplore sincerely such
a tragedy & pray divine bless-
ing to rest upon you all &
Comfort ^{you.} in this time of need.

Fraternally

Brooks W. DREW.

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HARRY NYCE, D. D.
STATED CLERK PRESBYTERY OF MUNCIE
PERU, INDIANA

September 19, 1934

Mr Robert E. Spear,
New York City

My dear Mr Spear,

Knowing of the deep
experience in which you are now, in the
trials of the death of your son Elliott,
the Presbytery of Muncie in session had
prayer for you and would let you
know of the earnest sympathy

HARRY NYOE, D. D.
STATED CLERK PRESBYTERY OF MUNCIE
PERU, INDIANA

in our hearts,

Your prayer interested and service
have ever been helpful to the Church,
we would like to let you know now
of our longing to be helpful to
you and to your work,

Sincerely,

Harry Nyoe

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Warsaw, Ind.,

Sept. 17, 1934.

Dear Dr. Spear:

The Warsaw Presbyterian Christian
Endeavor wish to extend our
deepest sympathy to you and your
family at this time.

It is our prayer that God
be with you and comfort you
in your sorrow.

Sincerely,

Harriet Foster, Pres.

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DR ROBERT E SPEER, BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS=
156 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK NY=

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FRIENDS OF ELLIOTT IN LEHIGH PRESBYTERY SEND YOU AND MRS
SPEER OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHY.

FRANCES S HORT SC.

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R. E. Speer

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DR ROBERT E SPEER=

156 FIFTH AVE=

COLUMBIA RIVER PRESBYTERY IN SESSION AT LONGBEACH SEND
SINCERE SYMPATHY IN THE TRAGIC LOSS OF YOUR SON ELLIOTT=
REV GEO E GOOD S C.



BY DIRECT WIRE FROM

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DR AND MRS ROBERT E SPEER=
ROCKLEDGE LAKEVILLE CONN=



ALL THOSE IN CHINA COLLEGES GROUP ARE PROFOUNDLY SHOCKED
AND GRIEVED BY NEWS OF YOUR SONS DEATH AND JOIN IN
EXTENDING DEEPEST SYMPATHY=

B A GARSIDE EVA B A MACMILLAN CARL A EVANS.

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TELEPHONE No.
 TELEPHONED TO *Mrs Thomas Wagner*
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 BY *g* TO BE *fld*
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MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
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THE SESSION OF THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT A MEETING AFTER THIS MORNINGS SERVICE INSTRUCTED THE UNDERSIGNED TO WIRE AND EXTEND TO YOU ITS SINCERE SYMPATHY OVER THE GREAT LOSS YOU HAVE SUSTAINED IN THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF YOUR BELOVED SON=

ROBERT GEDDIS TREASURER OF SESSION.

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PRESBYTERY OF FORTWAYNE IN SESSION AT COLUMBIACITY EXTEND
 TO YOU AND MRS SPEER THEIR DEEP AND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY IN
 THIS TRIAL THAT HAS COME TO YOU WE PRAY THAT THE FAITH THAT
 HAS SUSTAINED YOU IN OTHER CRISIS THAT HAVE COME TO YOU IN
 THE PAST MAY SUSTAIN YOU NOW AND THAT THE WORD OF OUR LORD
 TO HIS SERVANT PAUL MAY BE REALIED BY YOU WHEN HE SAID
 "MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU FOR MY STRENGTH IS MADE
 PERFECT IN WEAKNESS" =

A P BOURNS STATED CLERK.

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Play safe! TELEGRAPH
FOR RESERVATIONS
HOTEL, PULLMAN, THEATRE

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DR ROBERT E SPEER=
156 FIFTH AVE=

FIRST CHURCH WASHINGTON IOWA DESIRES TO EXPRESS SYMPATHY
AND SORROW=

F W EASTWOOD.



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DR ROBERT E SPEER=

156 FIFTH AVE=

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

LORDS DAY ALLIANCE SENDS SINCEREST SYMPATHY IN YOUR GREAT SORROW=

W W DAVIS SECRETARY.

SEP 17 1934

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Received at

NBK91 18 6 EXTRA=NEWYORK NY 16 VIA MTHE RMON MASS 17

DR AND MRS ROBERT E SPEER=

ROCKLEDGE LAKEVILLE CONN=

CALVARY FAMILY AND CHURCH SEND THEIR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY
 TO SPEER FAMILY=

SMITHS CUYLERS.

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TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

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1934 SEP 19 10 18

AB837 28 NL 4 EXTRA XC=HARRISBURG ILL 19

DR ROBERT E SPEER=
156 FIFTH AVE NYK=

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

THE PRESBYTERY OF CAIRO SYNOD OF ILLINOIS EXTENDS ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHY MAY GOD SANCTIFY THE COMFORT OF YOUR DEEP FAITH AND GIVE YOU STRENGTH=

R S BUFFAT STATED CLERK AND C N SHARPE.

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Received at

1934 SEP 19 AM 12 51

CC1672 65 NL=JACKSONVILLE ILL 18

ROBERT E SPEER =

D D 156 FIFTH AVE NYK =

MINUTES IN TRANSIT

FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

THE PRESBYTERY OF SPRINGFIELD IN REGULAR MEETING ASSEMBLED
SEPT 17 1934 NOTES WITH PROFOUND SORROW THE DEATH OF YOUR
HONORED SON WE EXPRESS TO YOU OUR SYMPATHY IN YOUR SORROW AND
JOIN IN A PRAYER THAT YOU MAY BE SUSTAINED BY THAT GRACE OF
THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WITH WHICH YOU HAVE SO WONDEROUSLY
ACQUAINTED COUNTLESS OTHERS BY THE STATED CLERK =

FREDERIC B OXTOBY.

BY DIRECT WIRE FROM

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GR26 23 7 EXTRA CNT PCNTN=SYRACUSE NY SEP 15 902A

DR ROBERT E SPEER=

NORTHFIELD MASS=

=SYRACUSE PRESBYTERY SENDS TO YOU AND FAMILY DEEPEST
SYMPATHY AND LOVING REGARDS IN THIS TRAGIC HOUR=

R J TAYLOR MODERATOR AND C M HERRICK,

STATED CLERK.

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Received at

DB294 50 DL 3 EXTRA=SCIPPIO IND 18 205P

1934 SEP 18 PM 3 19

DR ROBERT STEER=
156 5 AVE NYK=

MS7

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

PRESBYTERY OF NEWALBANY JOINS WITH THE CHURCH AT HOME AND
ABROAD IN SHARING WITH YOU THE GRIEF THAT HAS FALLEN ON
YOUR FAMILY CIRCLE WE KNOW THAT THE GRACE THAT
HAS SUPPORTED YOU IN YOUR LIFE WORK WILL NOT FAIL YOU
AND YOURS IN THIS TRAGIC TRIAL=

THOMAS B TERHUNT COMMITTEE RAY BRUMBAUGH

MODERATOR.

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GR31 53 NL 3 EXTRA=DAYTON OHIO VIA DLY NEWYORK NY SEP 15 1915
 DR ROBERT E SPEER, CARE MRS ELLIOTT SPEER=
 METHERMON MASS=

FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER
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WE EXTEND TO YOU OUR SYMPATHY IN HIS HOUR OF SORROW JOHN
 SIXTEEN AE WW UNITED BRFTHREN IN CHRIST BOARD OF
 ADMINISTRATION S S HOUGH GENERAL SECRETARY WOMENS MISSIONARY
 SOCIETY MRS S S HOUGH NATIONAL PRESIDENT BONEBRAKE
 THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY A T HOWARD ACTING PRESIDENT FOREIGN
 MISSIONARYL SOCIETY=

S G ZIEGLER GENERAL SECRETARY

.805A

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Received at

1934 SEP 15 PM 10 32

CB383 50 NL=DAYTON OHIO 15

DR ROBERT E SPEER=

156 FIFTH AVE NYK=

MINUTES IN TRANSIT

FULL-RATE

DAY LETTER

WE EXTEND TO YOU OUR SYMPATHY IN THIS HOUR OF SORROW JOHN
SIXTEEN 1-3 22 UNITED BRETHERN IN CHRIST BOARD OF
ADMINISTRATION S S HOUGH GENERAL SECRETARY WOMENS
MISSIONARY SOCIETY MRS S S HOUGH NATIONAL PRESIDENT
BONEBRAKE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY A T HOWARD ACTING PRESIDENT
FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY=
S G ZIEGLER GENERAL SECRETARY.

COPY TO M^{THER}NON

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

YES SIR I GOT YOUR TELEGRAM



Play safe! TELEGRAPH
FOR RESERVATIONS
 HOTEL, PULLMAN, THEATRE

WESTERN UNION (55)

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 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
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Received at Flatiron Bldg., New York City.

1934 SEP 20 AM 10 01

INBH133 15 6 EXTRA XC=PEABODY KANS 20 835A

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

DR ROBERT E SPEER=
 156 FIFTH AVE=

WICHITA PRESBYTERY AFTER PRAYER SENDS YOU LOVE AND SYMPATHY=
 FREDERICK E BLACK MODERATOR RALPH W KOHR STATED
 CLERK.

R. E. Speer



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D. WHITE
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Received at 40 Broad Street (Central Cable Office) New York N Y ALWAYS 1934 SEP 18 PM 11 46

FU713 71 NL 15 EXTRA XC=SANANSELMO CALIF 18

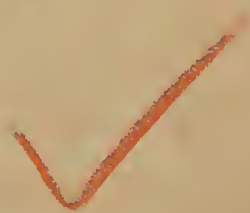
MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

DR ROBERT E SPEER=

156 FIFTH AVE NYK=

YOUR FRIENDS IN TWO PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS OF SANFRANCISCO BAY REGION IN JOINT SESSION MONDAY SEPTEMBER SEVENTEENTH ASSURE YOU AND MRS SPEER OF THEIR PROFOUND AND LOVING SYMPATHY IN THE DEATH OF YOUR BELOVED SON ELLIOTT IN YOUR DEEP AFFLICTION OUR PRAYER FOR YOU IS TO HIM WHO STILL BEARS OUR GRIEFS AND CARRIES OUR SORROWS=

THOMAS F DAY SECRETARY CHI ALPHA SOCIETY SANANSELMO CALIF
GORDON A MCGRANE SECRETARY DELTA PHI FRATERNITY CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SANFRANCISCO CALIF.



1934 SEP 19 AM 12 29

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Ship Radiogram

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Received at

1934 SEP 17 PM 7 41

MRA203 35 2 EXTRA NL= ODEBOLT IOWA 17

DR ROBERT E SPEER=

156 FIFTH AVE NYK=

SIouxCIty PRESBYTERY IN SESSION TODAY SENDS DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND MRS SPEER AND MRS ELLIOTT SPEER IN YOUR HOUR OF GRIEF WE PRAY THAT THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT MAY UNDERGIRD YOU=

IRWIN G SMITH STATED CLERK.

SEP 18 1934

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

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Received at 40 Broad Street, (Central Cable Office), New York, N. Y. ALWAYS OPEN 034 SEP 18 AM 2 39.4

SU689 61 NL 4 EXTRA=LOSANGELES CALIF 17

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

DR ROBT E SPEER=

156 FIFTH AVE NYK=

ON BEHALF OF YOUR HOST OF FRIENDS IN THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA
WE EXTEND TO YOU AND MRS SPEER THE ASSURANCE OF THEIR LOVE
AND DEEP SYMPATHY IN THESE DAYS OF YOUR SORROW STOP WE ARE
SHOCKED BY THE TRAGEDY THAT HAS ENTERED YOUR FAMILY CIRCLE
AND PRAY THE COMFORT OF GODS SPIRIT FOR YOU AND YOURS=

WM EVERETT ROBERTS MODERATOR THOS HOLDEN STATED
CLERK.

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Received at

CE256 36 NL=GARY IND 20

DR ROBERT E SPUR=

156 FIFTH AVE NYK=

1934 SEP 20 PM 4 20

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

ASSYRIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GARY EXPRESS THEIR DEEP SYMPATHY AND UNITE IN PRAYER TO GOD FOR HIS SPECIAL HELP AND SUSTENANCE TO YOU AND MRS SPUR IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT FOR THE MURDER OF YOUR BELOVED SON=

PERU MIRZA PASTOR.

R. E. Speer

SEP 21 1934

Ans. _____



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Received at

UC1481 30 NL=PRATTSBURG NY 17
MISS GERTRUDE SCHULTZ=
156 FIFTH AVE NYK=

New York

SEP 17 PM 9 50

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

KINDLY RELAY THE FOLLOWING TO CORRECT ADDRESS / MAY I ON BEHALF OF NEWYORK SYNODICAL EXPRESS DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO DOCTOR AND MRS ROBERT E SPEER IN THEIR BEREAVEMENT AND GREAT SORROW=

MRS OTIS WALDO.

*Prattsburg
Steuben Co.
New York*



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G. SCHULTZ

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Received at Flatiron Bldg., New York City.

1934 SEP 17 AM 11 49

NBH295 21 13 EXTRA=STLOUIS MO 17 1026A

DR ROBERT E SPEER=

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

☆☆ TRY 156 5 AVE RD TO DLY=

SINCEREST SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF YOUR MANY FRIENDS=

JOHN W MACIVOR WILLIAM A H LOWE DAVID SKILLING

CALVIN DOBSON M L EUWER.



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Received at

NAK51 39 NL=LAKE MINNEWASKA NY SEP 18

DR ROBERT E SPEER=

LAKEVILLE CONN=

MINUTES IN TRANSIT

FULL-RATE

DAY LETTER

YOUR FRIENDS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY IN THEIR
FELLOWSHIP MEETING HERE DESIRE TO EXPRESS TO YOU AND
YOUR BEREAVED FAMILY THEIR DEEP SYMPATHY IN YOUR GREAT
SORROW AND TO COMMAND YOU TO THE CONSOLATION OF OUR
BLESSED FAITH=

EDWARD W MILLER.

809A.

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Received at

CC119 47 NL=COLUMBUS OHIO 18

1934 SEP 19 AM 3 04

DR ROBT SPEER =

156 FIFTH AVE NYK =

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

THE SESSION OF BROAD STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JOIN YOUR
MANY FRIENDS ALL OVER THE WORLD IN DEEP SYMPATHY IN THE LOSS
YOU HAVE SUSTAINED THROUGH THE TRAGIC DEATH OF YOUR SON STOP
MAY HE WHOM YOU HAVE SERVED SO LONG LIGHTEN THE SORROW OF
THIS DARK HOUR =

MARION W MCINTYRE CLERK.

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Received at

GR62 31 11 EXTRA DL=WILMINGTON DEL SEP 16 1224P

MINUTES IN TRANSIT

ILL-RATE DAY LETTER

DR ROBERT E SPEER=

FORD HALL NORTHFIELD MASS=

THE UNDERSIGNED AND IN BEHALF OF OUR CHURCH EXTEND
 PRAYERFUL HEARTFELT SYMPATHY STOP "LEAN HARD ON THE
 EVERLASTING ARMS"=

HAROLD S LAIRD PASTOR JOSEPH H BURNS CLERK OF
 SESSION FIRST AND CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

152P

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NL	NIGHT LETTER
NM	NIGHT MESSAGE
LCO	DEFERRED CABLE
NLT	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
WLT	WEEK END CABLE LETTER
	RADIOGRAM

STANDARD TIME
INDICATED ON THIS MESSAGE

Form
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CA14 32 NL 5 EXTRA=TD LINCOLN NEBR 16

1934 SEP 17 AM 1 21

DOCTOR AND MRS ROBERT SPEER=
156 FIFTH AVE NYC=

HR

WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF LINCOLN NEBRASKA SESSION AND PASTOR UNITE
IN OFFERING YOU OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY AND CHRISTIAN HOPE IN THE
SAD EVENT WHICH HAS VISITED YOUR FAMILY=

O R BLACK CLERK OF THE SESSION DOCTOR PAUL C JOHNSTON

R. F. Smith
PASTOR.

SEP 17 1934

Postal Telegraph



Telephone Your Telegrams to **Postal Telegraph**

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607 BROADWAY
PATERSON, N.J.

Dear Dr & Mrs Spear:
This is to express to
you the sincere sympathy
of another group of your
many friends upon the tragic
& untimely death of your dear
son. That divine strength
may be given to you to bear
up under this terrific blow
& to reassure you of the
prayers & support of the
Executive Committee of Jersey City
Presbyterian Society

Sept twenty eighth
MCMXXXIV

Sincerely yours
Sara Jeanne Arnold
President

JERSEY CITY
PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY

Sept. 20, 1934.

My dear Dr. and Mrs. Speer.

The Executive Committee of Jersey
City Presbyterian Society desire to express sincere
sympathy to you upon the untimely death of your son.

Very truly yours,

Walter W. McCalmont
(Mrs. E. G.) Recording Secretary.

57

Dr. ^{and} Mrs. Robert C. Speer.
156 Fifth Avenue.
New York.

My dear Dr. ^{and} Mrs. Speer
These few lines are for
the purpose of conveying
to you the sincere sympathy
of the members of the Beaver
Presbyterial Society in this
hour of your sad bereavement,
and to commit you to the
care and keeping of Him
who has said. "Lo I am with
you always."

510 Fifth St.
Beaver, Pa.

(Miss) Bell Hickman
Cor. Secretary.

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Received at 19 Dean Street, Englewood, N. J.

NS119 19 DL=DETROIT MICH SEP 19 303P

MRS ROBERT E SPEER=
 ENGLEWOOD NJ=

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DETROIT YOUNG WOMENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION SENDS DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY=

MRS JOHN J OBRIEN PRESIDENT.

329P...

*Letter sent
 Oct 12*

BY DIRECT WIRE FROM

1223S

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LCO = Deferred Cable
NLT = Cable Letter
WLT = Week-End Letter

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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NB28 18 DL=JACKSONVILLE FLO SEP 17 1022A

MRS ROBERT SPEER=

LAKEVILLE CONN=

DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND ABIDING LOVE FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND STAFF OF JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA Y W C A=

MRS WALTER S JONES PRESIDENT.

1043A..

*Letter sent
Sept. 12*

PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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034 SEP 13 PM 7 49
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Received at 40 Broad Street, (Central Cable Office), New York, N. Y.

NSU387 19 NM=NEWORLEANS LA 18

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

MRS ROBERT E SPEER, NATIONAL BOARD OF Y W C A =
600 LEXINGTON AVE NYK =

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEWORLEANS YWCA WISH TO EXTEND
TO YOU AND DR SPEER THEIR DEEP SYMPATHY =
ELIZABETH S THOMPSON PRESIDENT.

*Letter sent
Sept 12*

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Received at

1934 SEP 18 PM 6 53

NAB416 18 NM 2 EXTRA=LB NASHVILLE TENN 18

MRS ROBERT E SPEER=

600 LEXINGTON AVE NYK=

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NASHVILLE YWCA WISH TO EXPRESS
THEIR DEEP AND LOVING SYMPATHY=

SUSIE MCWHIRTER RECORDING SECRETARY NASHVILLE YWCA.

*Telex Sent
Oct 12th*

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
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*John
cut 12.*

Carmel, California.

July 22nd 1935.

My dear Rob:

Just a line to tell you how greatly disappointed we all are we are not to see you during your short sojourn in California. Familiar as we are with your always having a full schedule and closely adhering to it, we were in a measure prepared for the discouraging news your cordial letter brought us: still we had hoped against hope something might prolong your stay on this coast.

Now that it is not to be, we shall count — your having become a confirmed air-plane enthusiast — on your making in the future frequent week-end

large share for yourself from us all three,
Yours affectionately
Will.

trips to the San Francisco Bay region, and that next time we shall be in the "Big City" to greet you.

Before closing, I must tell you with what waapt attention we "listened in" on your address before the Commonwealth Club last Friday. It was perfectly fine, Bob, and we all wished every true lover of our country, having its best interests at heart, could have heard it. It was a real inspiration! We waited for the very last sentence before hurriedly starting on our motor trip to Salinas.

We shall think of you as starting for New York tomorrow evening, and Evelyn, Emily and I want you to carry with you our warmest love to Emma. Now, with a

74 St. George Street,
Toronto, Canada,

22nd July, 1935.

My dear Dr. Speer,

Elliot's In Memoriam reached me here through your kindness and I wish to thank you for it with my whole heart. I had got a reading of it from my friend Alison Bryan of Salem, N.J. through whose good offices, I fancy, you have sent me this copy, for I expressed to him a very strong desire to have one. Accept of my gratitude for this wonderful tribute to a life so radiant and strong. It will remain among my treasures.

I have not yet grown accustomed to the thought that Elliot has passed from

us. He was a frequent visitor to our home when he was on his last visit to Edinburgh and we loved him. That goes without saying. Then, when I visited New York three years ago, while I received great kindness from many, nobody was just such a friend to me as Ellisth was. When first the report reached me of his quick passing, I was on the point of writing you more than once, but somehow my pen failed me. But I have not ceased to pray for you all since the tragic event. It is fitting that an In Memoriam to Ellisth should be triumphant in tone. He has conquered and it is only we who are poorer for a little while. My affectionate greetings to you all. Yours sincerely, Daniel Lambert.

1874

"BIRCHLEIGH"
CARATUNK
MAINE

Dearest Emma.

I am sitting on the
porch of our Casey, & as I look
across the lake - upon the hills
so good - with the mist rising &
the trees turning red - I think of
the helpful Psalm - 134th of

Psalm - & the help that comes from
the Lord. I wanted to write some-
thing to you of her - I was very weak -
& I know it is now too late
to send you any love & heartfelt of
affection I am fully -

I know how keenly you & her
shall must feel in this sad
trouble - til also what a
comfort that your Son, as such
a true true Christian, after his
just, Home - his, My Home as
my darling & my mother used to
call it.

It is only we poor creatures who
are left - to stop some times &
ponder - why? it all happens
that way -

I can't write nothing dear
dear that can help or comfort
you, any more than the comfort

"BIRCHLEIGH"

CARATUNK

MAINE

of love of already love from God -
and it is only a little while -

until we see them again -
I wish of quite a while ago -
ful thought of you was in
England with your daughter -

I have written you several
addresses so must send this to
New York hope of receive it -
write me a line some times -

although your heart & hand
must be full at present - oh
dear! I feel how I feel, by

how I wish you were sitting on
the porch with me this peaceful
morn'g. I wish we could
see each other & talk - we
are both getting along in life -
I'll be 65: the best of both
worlds of it - we should have
days seem long ago

Sincerely -

— W. J. P.
Cora.

September twenty-third - 1934

ONE HUNDRED ONE EAST KINGS HIGHWAY
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

My dear Mrs. Speer:
For the Board of Directors of the
San Antonio Young Women's Christian
Association, and for myself, personally,
I send to you and Dr. Speer a
message of deep and sincere sympathy.
Sincerely

Bessie Hornaday.
C. J.

Mrs. Fred A. Hornaday
September 24, '34.

Ack. Oct 10.
A.P.S.

ack. app. Oct 10-

Dear Mrs. Speer:

We wish to express our sympathy for you over the

loss of your son Elliott.

Fully realizing the utter futility of words at a time like this,

we still feel impelled to send you this message.

Assuring you of our love and understanding, we are

The board of the Y. M. C. A. of
Houston, Texas -

Sadie S. Camp, Sec. -
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THINKING OF YOU EVERY MINUTE (STOP) DEAREST LOVE
TO ^{Holly}(DORRY) AND CHILDREN (STOP) GLAD BILLY WAS WITH
YOU (STOP) AM GETTING IN TOUCH WITH ^{Henry}(HEP) AND JO (STOP)
MRS. ^{Sarah}(ASEWEY) ^{a great}AGREED COMFORT (STOP) THE ELLIOTS HAVE
(ALIGLA) TO BE THANKFUL FOR ALL WAYS LOVE
^{a great deal}
Signed ^{Marrie}MANIE

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DEAREST LOVE AND GOD'S TENDEREST BLESSINGS
ENFOLD YOU ALL

Signed AUGUSTA

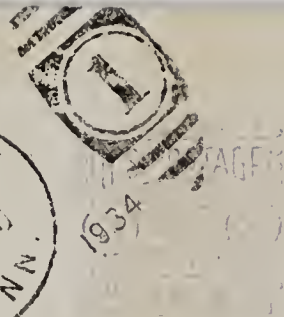
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68 SILVERMINE AVENUE
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Sept. 15
Dear Mrs. Pees: -
just tell you how
keep I sorry I am
for you all in this
unpleasant way,
I wish that I might
be of some service to you.
Very sincerely yours
Trish Pees

Dear Doctor & Mrs. Spur:- I have never been
able to think of your sufferings, without a
poignant sorrow in my heart - altho I'm
very sure that they have been borne
with all faith and meekness ^{and} submission.
Nor can I doubt that through this tragic
experience you have been enable to enter
more nearly that darkness over Calvary,
when The Father saw His beloved Son
done to death.

Outside my Bible I know not that I
have anything more sacred than your
memorial to Elliott. It is but such a
revelation of your hearts as the friends who

honor and love you, would have longed for.
I shall keep and treasure it to the end - now
probably, running the water line, coming to meet me.

I shall put a part of your last dear
letter with it: & with all the burdens
resting on your shoulders, can you not
let that suffice your generous hands?
If I shall make my small offerings
through you, in memory of Elliott in
future, you'll bear with me. I shall
crave to see both your dear names
on the checks, but do not take time &
strength to write, and why trouble those people to
send receipts? With abiding reverence & love,
Miss Louise

ack / 235 East 22nd St

New York - Sept. 18, 1934

My very dear Mr. Speer:

The hearts of those who
love you are suffering with
you and your beloved
family. Prayer is the only
language that is worthy
for one who is deaf-speechless
before this terrible mystery.

You and your love
been upheld by the
prayer of your friends

and we know for love
been sustained by the
divine grace and will
be things the best days
ahead.

I would give to know how
much I care and
how earnestly for one
in my mind.

With my love, dear
friend

Charlotte Loomis.

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BE IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE SYNOD OF TEXAS, IN REGULAR SESSION
HEREBY EXPRESSES ITS DEEPEST AND MOST PROFOUND SYMPATHY TO OUR
BELOVED DR ROBERT E SPEER IN THE RECENT LOSS OF HIS SON WE
PRAY THAT THE COMFORT THAT HE HAS SO TENDERLY BROUGHT TO THE
BURDENED HEARTS OF OTHERS SHALL CONTINUE TO ABIDE IN HIS HEART
M H ARNOLD MODERATOR S M TEMPLETON STATED CLERK.

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THE PRESBYTERY OF SPOKANE

REV. CHARLES W. HAYS, D. D STATED CLERK

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SPOKANE, WASH.

September 4 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Presbytery has requested me to extend to you and your family our heart felt sympathy in the great sorrow you have had in the death of your son Dr. Elliot. This expression of sympathy comes somewhat late; but many of us who have known you personally wanted you to know that even in the far west your many friends would share your sorrow. May the God of all comfort comfort your hearts abundantly is our prayer.

On behalf of Presbytery

Charles W. Hays

ack!
C/RS

Young Womens Christian Association

21 First Street
Troy, New York

October 13th

1934

Miss Julia H. Bush, President

Miss Emma R. Chapin, General Secretary

Mr. Robert E. Speer
600 Lexington Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Speer:

The Directors of our Troy
Young Women's Christian Assoc-
iation wish you to know
that they are thinking of you
and sending you their
deepest sympathy in your
very best for and sorrow.

Sincerely yours,

Miss D. Lutz Jones
(Miss Varney D.)

Comptroller Secretary

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God bless you, keep you
guide you
and give you
His peace in this,
your time of sorrow.

Y. W. C. A. Board.
Topeka, Kansas.



May God's Love
Comfort You

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285 LIBERTY STREET
NEWBURGH, NEW YORK

Telephone 3640



October 13, 1934

Mrs Robert E. Speer
24 Gramercy Park
New York City

My dear Mrs Speer,

The Board of Directors of
the Newburgh Young
Women's Christian Association
at their regular meeting
directed me to express
to you their sympathetic
thought of you in the
great sorrow which has
recently entered your home.
Because that home is one
of the most beloved and

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honored households in our country, the news of the tragedy greatly shocked everyone. We of the Newburgh Association feel a personal sadness because of the kindness which you have extended to us, and the pleasure and benefit which we have received from your visits to Newburgh.

We know that you "sorrow not as do others"; and our prayer for you and Doctor Speer is that your faith may be strengthened and your hearts comforted.

The Christian fortitude with which you are

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meeting this great trial
will help many others
when they, too, must pass
through the Valley of
Affliction.

Very sincerely yours,
Rosa Bell Chapman,
Corresponding
Secretary.

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THE PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI

REV. HODSON K. YOUNG
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MR. W. R. GALLOWAY
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September 18, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

The Presbytery of Cincinnati at its stated meeting authorized me to express to you and Mrs. Speer, and Mrs. Elliott Speer our deep and heartfelt sympathy for all of you in your very sad bereavement. We wish we might all of us share a little of the burden of sorrow we know is yours these days.

Very sincerely,

Earl R. North

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Glendale Presbyterian Church

PHONE DOUGLAS 6130

HARVARD AT LOUISE STREET

GLENDAL, CALIFORNIA

REV. WALTER E. EDMONDS, D. D.

PASTOR

121 SOUTH CEDAR STREET

PHONE DOUGLAS 632

September 21, 1934

Dr. Robert Spoor,
156 5th Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Friend and Brother:

Pastor and Session of the Glendale Presbyterian Church unite in extending to you and yours their deepest, prayerful sympathy in view of the tragic death of your son, concerning which we have received scant information. "Is there any word from the Lord?" There is--Jeremiah 37:7. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

Sincerely in Him,



Moderator

WE:en

R. E. Speer

Herbert K England

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH

HERBERT K. ENGLAND

STATED CLERK

117 FIFTH AVE., WEST

ROSELLE, N. J., October 18, 1934. 193

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 - 5th Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Speer:

At a recent meeting of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, I was directed to bring to you in the name of the Presbytery its sincere expression of respect and also its most heartfelt sympathy to you and to your family in the tragic bereavement which has come to you. The knowledge of the deep concern on the part of one's friends does not by any means touch the truest needs of the heart at such a time but, nevertheless, we want you to know how much you and yours have been in our thought. May God's grace be sufficient for all of these things.

Ever sincerely yours,

Herbert K England

Stated Clerk.

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First Presbyterian Church
Morrison, Illinois
C. Harrison Becker, Minister

September 24th, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer,

The tragic death of your son Elliott was so shocking to me that I wanted to express my heartfelt sympathy to you and tell you are being supported by our prayers.

We hang our heads in shame to think of a civilization that has within it such human fiends who think nothing of taking a human life no matter what the position or standing one might have.

Our whole congregation mourns with you and with the family and we commend you to the only One who knows and whose comforting grace brings peace and strength when we need it the most.

Yours in sympathy,
C. Harrison Becker.

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Telephone 4-5171

Sept. 21st, 1934.

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Speer; Tuesday Sept. 18th our Board of Directors met officially, after a rather inactive summer, due to intense heat, to pick up the threads and carry on.

Among the reports, old business, new business, and many pleasant happenings; came to us the shocking report of the awful tragedy at Northfield, robbing you of a beloved Son and causing, we know, untold sadness and heartache.

May it comfort you a little Mrs. Speer, to know that for a few minutes Tuesday morning our hearts beat in sympathy for the Mother and Friend for whom we have always had the greatest respect and admiration.

Lovingly,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Mae Kruidenier
Mrs. E. B. Kruidenier. Cor. Secy.

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SYNOD OF KANSAS
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MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

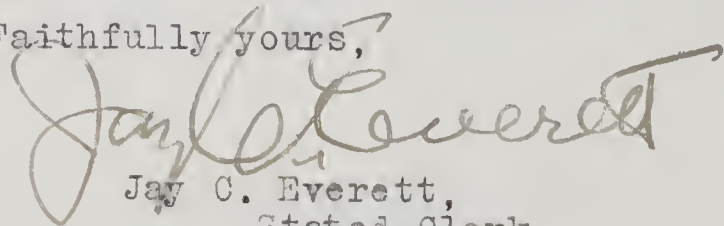
October 18, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Doctor Speer:

In more than an official way, I am pleased to convey to yourself and family the heartfelt sympathy of your many friends in the Synod of Kansas in all this great sorrow that has befallen you because of the tragic death of your son. We suffer with you, Doctor Speer. Romans VIII:18.

Faithfully yours,



Jay C. Everett,
Stated Clerk.

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2868 Frankford Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 28, 1934

Dr. Robert P. Speer—
156 Fifth Avenue
New York,

My dear Dr. Speer,

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Presbytery held on Wednesday in the Witherspoon Building I was asked as secretary to convey to you and Mrs. Speer the very deep sympathy of that group of fifty or more women in the tragic sorrow that has come to you in the loss of a splendid son.

As secretary of our Foreign Board and outstanding spiritual leader of our

beloved Church you have won a place in the hearts of the missionary-minded women, and they are interested and concerned when you are in trouble and they long to send a word of comfort to you. They are thinking about you and yours and praying for you at this time.

Better than we can tell you you know where alone peace and comfort may be found and Mrs. Speer and you must have great joy and satisfaction in the knowledge that your son had made his life count in the Master's work. His work just begun is going on now where "His servants shall serve Him and they shall see His face."

We are thinking, too, of Mrs. Elliott Speer and the dear children. Will you not express it here as well as to Mrs. Speer and your own immediate family the deepest sympathy of the Philadelphia Presbyterian women?

Sincerely yours,

Mary Hunter Thomas

(Mrs. Alex C.)

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GEORGE STEWART
76 BROAD STREET
STAMFORD, CONN.

September 25th, 1934

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Englewood
New Jersey

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Speer:

This church, through its Boards, wishes to express its deepest sympathy with you in the death of your son Elliott.

We have a realization and a great appreciation of what you have done not only for this church and all the churches of our Presbyterian denomination, but for the Church of Christ throughout the world.

Also, we have an appreciation of the work in which your son was engaged and the success he had already attained in his labors. We ~~agree~~ with you that this work was cut short.

Along with the boards of hundreds of other churches, may we express to you our undying friendship and deepest sympathy and affection.

The First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, Conn.

Hutton H. Stockton
Clerk of Session
S. Willard Hobby
Sec'y. Society's Com.

arka,

Dear Mrs. Speer:

May God give you some of the strength and courage you have so generously given to others, in these days of deep sorrow.

You and your family are constantly in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Office Staff of National
Support and Interpretation

September nineteenth.

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C. W. SIDEBOTHAM
STATED CLERK PRESBYTERY OF PETOSKEY
PASTOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EAST JORDAN, MICHIGAN

Sept. 18, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
New York City.

Dear friend:
The Presbytery of Petoskey was stunned to-day by the news of the tragic death of your son Elliott. Our first thought was one of profound sympathy. Our second thought was that you are experiencing in human measure what our Good Father endured in the death of His son.

We want you to know that we have in times past been strengthened by your faith; that Christ means more to us because of your life. Just now we do want you to know that we love you.

affectionately

C. W. Sidebotham
Stated Clerk Presbytery of Petoskey.

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SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Including the membership of the
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Bloomington, Illinois

Harold R. Martin, Minister

September 20, 1934

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:

In making my report to Bloomington Presbytery this week as chairman of the Foreign Missions Committee I read a portion of your letter to the various chairmen, which was well received.

The Presbytery in receiving my report requested that I write you on their behalf to convey our deepest sympathy to you in the recent tragic loss of your son, Elliott. It happens that Mrs. Martin and I were at Northfield this summer and heard him speak in several of the services there and were deeply impressed with the future that seemed to be before him. The prayers of our Presbytery are with you. Your own living faith that has lifted so many toward God will continue to carry you thru this valley of shadow. May the ever present love of God be with you.

Most sincerely,

Harold R. Martin

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Sussex, N. J.

September 18th, 1934

W^r Robert C. Speer, Secretary, Presbyterian
Board of Foreign Missions,
New York.

The Presbytery of Newton begs
to express its deepest sympathy with
you, as a father, in your tragic bereave-
ment, and its joy and confidence in
you as Secretary of the Board of
Foreign Missions.

Signed Robert Robinson

Stated Clerk

Warren W. Rouse
Warren Comm. on Forⁿ Missions

Adopted by the Presbytery of Newton at
its Stated Fall meeting at Sussex, N. J. on
September 18, 1934.

Attest Robert Robinson, Stated Clerk

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WILLIAM PHILLIPS HALL
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ASSISTANT TREASURER

September 15, 1934.

Dr. Robert ^{E.} Speer,
24 Gramercy Park,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

This brief note is just to assure you in your great sorrow that you have the sympathy and prayers of the officers of the American Tract Society. You and Mrs. Speer, as few others, know the one source of comfort in such an hour as this, and we are confident that our dear Heavenly Father will give you both the strength to go through this trial.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. H. Matthews
Edwin Noah Hardy
William Phillips Hall

ack.

1 Van Nest Place
New York City

My dear Mrs Speer:

You and your family have been much in my thoughts this last week and I do want to send you my love and sympathy. One can't help but realize just from what the newspapers say what a very splendid person Elliot was and how much he contributed to Mac about him. Knowing Mamma as I do, I can understand a little, I think, what he must have been. I should think you would be awfully proud of him.

Please accept my love and sympathy

Dorothe Dessau

September 20th.

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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
34 WEST FOURTH STREET
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

October 2, 1934

JOHN GRAY RHIND, MINISTER
184 PARK ROAD
FORT MITCHELL HEIGHTS

My dear Dr. Spear:

How can anyone convey to you the depths of feeling and affection which seek release and expression in the recent tragedy which has overwhelmed us all? How can we let you know how profound is the sorrow which we share with you in the death of your son, Elliott?

At the recent meeting of our Presbytery, man after man tried to make articulate upon the floor of presbytery his own reaction to your wound. That you may know how deeply we feel, I have been asked to transmit to you the sympathy of this entire presbytery. However feebly this sympathy may be expressed, know that it represents the warm love and affection of fifty men, and with those men, the congregations which they represent.

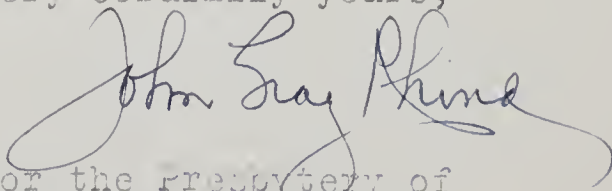
The splendid courage and faith in you, which for so many years has stood as a witness among us of a great God, is now your refuge. When life tumbles in, what then? Perhaps not full understanding of the mysterious providence, but certain faith in that grace which is all-sufficient.

To that grace which you know so well, we commend you. Underneath are the everlasting arms. Fear not, for He is with Thee; be not dismayed, for He is your God.

Your faith in this crisis, as always, challenges us to that firm grip upon God of which you are a perpetual witness.

May God bless you and keep you.

Very cordially yours,



for the Presbytery of
Evenczer, Kentucky.

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J. FRED GOEHREN
CLERK OF THE SESSION

September 17, 1934

My dear Dr. Speer:

The Officers and Members of our Church deeply regret the sorrow which has so suddenly come into your family circle, and we humbly pray our Father in Heaven that he may show himself strong on the behalf of you all.

The boys at Mount Hermon will miss their leader, but we all have the confidence that his sterling character and the power of his life will be a constant inspiration to them and an everlasting memorial to Elliott.

In the fellowship of His suffering, and the glorious hope of His resurrection,

I am

Always sincerely yours,

Frank A. Hunger

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First Presbyterian Church of Ambler

Ambler, Pennsylvania

September 16, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Speer:-

The Session of
the First Presbyterian Church of Ambler
is deeply shocked by the tragic news
from Northfield. We hasten to assure
you of our heartfelt sympathy, and will
join with your thousands of friends in
prayers to Him who alone can comfort
and uphold you in your hour of sorrow.

Most sincerely yours,

Arthur A. Nichols
Clerk.

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THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE
MARKET SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

September 15. 1904.

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Speer, We have just
heard of the untimely
death of your dear son
& we hasten to extend
our deepest sympathy.

May the dear Lord - sus-
tain you in this sad

How & surely much
Comfort will come to you
from His precious promises.
His Will.

Whatever my Father wills is best,
Delight - or suffering, toil or rest,
Thine eyes & thine alone can see
What I should have & do - & be,
I only ask that I may know
The way which Thou wouldst have me go,
That I my will in Thine may lose

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE
MARKET SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

That what Thou Lord for me
shalt choose!

I, too - may choose -"

Sorrowfully,

The Woman's Missionary Society

Mary E. Beatty
Cor. Secy.

1406 N Second St.
Harrisburg, Penna.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JAMES D. McCAUGHTRY, MINISTER
CRANE, MISSOURI

September 17, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Spear,
Secretary of Board of
Foreign Missions
Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Brother Spear:- I am writing this as the Stated Clerk of Carthage Presbytery, Synod of Missouri, to convey to you our deep sorrow and regret in the news of the tragic death of your son Elliott Spear. We wish to express to you and your family our heartfelt sympathy in this time of bereavement and assure you of our prayers for you and yours in this hour of trial. May our kind Heavenly Father comfort you with the comfort you have often ministered to others in their sorrow.

I want to add the personal sympathy of my self and wife for you and your family. We recently lost our eldest daughter and know something of how the loss of your son will bring loneliness and pain.

With sincere sympathy,

James D. McCaughtry
James D. McCaughtry, Stated Clerk.

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September 18, 1934

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

The hearts of all of us in the Foreign Mission House of the United Lutheran Church have been greatly touched by the bereavement that has come to you and we want to extend to you our own sincerest sympathy and also that of our Board. Dr. Speer is very dear to the hearts of all Lutherans and of the Lutheran Foreign Board and when sorrow touches him, we are greatly moved. We are praying that the Lord may help you and yours in this hour of great trial and may sustain you by His grace, which is sufficient for those who trust Him as you do. We do not know your son's family, but we ask you to convey to them our sympathy and to your wife as well.

With sincerest regards, I am

Yours very cordially,

PWK/s

Paul W. Koller
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Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer
24 Gramercy Park
New York, N.Y.

Dear Friends:

It is with deep regret that we have read of your bereavement. On behalf of the New York City Christian Endeavor Union and all the young people it represents, may we express sincere sympathy and the hope that God will strengthen and help you through these hard days.

Very sincerely yours,

Anna Siegrist
Recording Secretary.

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First Presbyterian Church

N E E N A H , W I S C O N S I N

REV. W. R. COURTENAY Pastor



September 17, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

Members of the Neenah Church were shocked as they read in last Saturday evening's papers of the tragedy which has befallen you and your family.

In deep sympathy for you in this hour of cruel bereavement and in appreciation of your consecrated and farseeing leadership in the Church through these many years, our congregation, by a rising vote at yesterday morning's service, directed that this expression of loyalty, sympathy and fellowship be sent to you in their name.


Pastor


Elder

In behalf of the First Presbyterian
Church of Neenah, Wisconsin

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Tom F. L. - Letter of 1, 1934 - 11/11/34

Chapter XIII
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Haleysville, Mass.
Oct. 5. 1934.

Dr Robert E. Spear,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Spear -

No one realizes more than
the minister, the utter futility of words in
such an hour as this - and yet, how much
more helpless we should be without them.
Individually and personally and all tenderly
each one of us as a true Yale fellow, in
the faith would mingle his tears with yours
and would join whisper in your ear words
of courage and cheer. And some of us
who are fathers as well as ministers, and
who have been called upon long years ago
to give each promising lad to the Lord
who gave them - some of us I say know
more about the path you tread than others.

Thus we greet you - we of Connecticut
Valley Presbytery - your boys Presbytery - and
as their announcements I am commissioned
to transmit to you and Mrs Spear the minutes
that was spread upon the page of our Pres-
byterial records last Tuesday, October 2. 1934
in the Thompsonville (Conn.) Presbyterian Church

Minutes on the death of Elliott Spear

" The Presbytery of Connecticut Valley has learned with deep sorrow of the death of the Reverend Elliott Spear, Headmaster of Mt. Vernon School and a member of this Presbytery

In the brief time he had been the leader of that famous institution, founded by Dwight L. Moody he had been instrumental in securing a large endowment for the School, had broadened its spirit and activities and was exerting a strong and noble influence in the lives of the boys, by whom he was greatly loved

His tragic death in his thirty eighth year cuts short a ministry of unusual promise - but he being dead, yet speaketh.

To his widow and children and to his parents Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Spear, the Presbytery would express its deepest sympathy.

John Wilson S. C.
Conn. Valley Presbytery.

Done in
First Presbyterian Church
Thompsonville, Conn.
October 2, 1934

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NORRISTOWN, PA.

J. M. CORUM, JR., D. D.

113 E. AIRY STREET

Sept. 17, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 - Fifth Ave.,
N. Y. City.

Dear Dr. Speer:

At our morning service yesterday I mentioned to the Congregation the great sorrow that had just come to you. At once one of the men rose and suggested that the following message be sent you:

"The session, the Board of Trustees, and the Congregation of our Church unanimously desire to extend to Mrs. Speer and you, as well as to Mrs. Elliott Speer and her three children their deepest loving sympathy, and to assure you of their fervent prayers in this time of your great sorrow."

The suggestion was unanimously approved.

Sincerely,

J. M. Corum, Jr.

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THE PRESBYTERY OF KANSAS CITY
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U.S.A.
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

September 21, 1934.

OFFICE OF
REV. CARL T. MICHEL, D.D.
STATED CLERK AND TREASURER
3815 EAST 59TH STREET TERRACE

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

The Presbytery of Kansas City met in regular Fall Session, Tuesday September 18, at Raymore, Missouri. The city churches were quite generously represented, both by the ministers and a group of men and women from their respective churches.

After the Foreign Mission Committee's report a resolution of sympathy was presented the Presbytery to be sent you. All of Kansas City seemed to share this sympathy as they read of the tragic death of your son, Elliott, who in his own right and because of his parents was widely known and beloved. We cannot express how deeply we feel the kinship of sorrow. We have been wanting you to be spared, because we have felt that for so many years you have "borne the heat and burden of the day" on behalf of our far-flung program for the evangelization of our world. But as sorrow is a stranger to none, surely the comfort of Him who "bore our griefs and carried our sorrows" would be the more manifest to His most devoted servant.

Presbytery stood in reverence as fervent prayer was offered ~~you~~ on behalf of yourself and that of the bereaved family of your son; and were assured, even then and there, that we were not praying in vain.

The communion of the Holy Spirit is an enriching and an enabling benediction.

Very sincerely on behalf of all of us,



CTM/LKW

Carl T. Michel

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

F. BENTON SHOEMAKER, D. D., *Minister*
BROOKVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

September 22nd,
1934

Rev. Robert Speer, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Just a line to assure you for myself and people of the Brookville Presbyterian Church, whom I represent, of our sincere sympathy and also assure you of our prayers to Almighty God that He will comfort your hearts and strengthen you in this hour of trial.

Many of our people here remember you and your visit to this church some years ago. We all know of your great work in this Presbyterian Church. Both you and your family are dear to us.

It has ^{not} been my privilege to have met your son. I have read his articles and have heard much of him. I have two boys of my own and know how dear they are. I am sure your boy, with all of his splendid talents and gifts, was very dear to you and Mrs. Speer. May the Lord bless you and especially the wife and little ones, in their great loss.

Sincerely yours,

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

F. Benton Shoemaker

Pastor

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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PUEBLO, COLORADO

September 21, 1934.

Mr. Robert E. Speer, LL.D.,
President of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, New York.

My dear Doctor Speer:

The officers of the First Presbyterian Church of Pueblo, Colorado, the mother church of Presbyterianism in Southern Colorado, wish me to convey to Mrs. Speer and you, the sense of their horror at the base crime, which has taken the natural life of your noble and talented son, the Reverend Elliott Speer, and to assure you of our profound sorrow. We register afresh our admiration and love for you and the high confidence we have in your masterful leadership, in your superb qualities of mind and heart and your supreme integrity and devotion to our beloved church and the Kingdom of God. In these sentiments, I most heartily offer my personal tribute.

Very sincerely,

Hugh T. Gary
Minister.

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WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

September 19, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
New York City, New York

Dear Dr. Speer:

On my own behalf and on behalf of our board I wish to express to you our deep sorrow over the terribly tragic death of your son. Having recently lost our son-in-law, a fine Christian worker, I think we can sense more keenly what this sudden ending of your son's career means to you.

What a blessing that our anchor holds at such a time! And that we can wait in confidence for the explanation. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF S. D. A.



M. E. Kern, Secretary

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September 20, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Board of Foreign Missions of
The Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Our Session has been deeply moved by the press announcement of the tragic death of your son and wishes to convey to you and Mrs. Speer our sincerest sympathy in your great sorrow.

Your many years of conspicuous service to your Church, your unselfish devotion to humanity, your consecration to your Master have endeared you to thousands, not only in the United States, but throughout the world, and these sympathize with you in your loss.

We realize that no words of ours can assuage your grief, but we feel that it may be of some comfort to you to know that our hearts go out to you and our prayers ascend for you in your dark hour.

May His peace and presence abide with you and comfort you.

Sincerely and affectionately,

THE SESSION
Of Central Presbyterian Church

By W. A. Letty
Clerk

Martin E. Anderson
Moderator

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Dear Dr. and Mrs. Speer:

At the meeting of the Federal Council's Executive Committee last Friday, the thoughts of all turned to you in this time when you have been called upon to pass through such a tragic experience and to face such a bitter loss. Our thoughts went out in prayer for you and in a sense of the deepest sympathy. We were entrusted with the privilege of conveying to you as well as our poor words can the affectionate regard of all who are associated with the Federal Council in any way. You have come to hold such a unique place in our hearts that whatever touches you touches us.

With heartfelt prayer for God's blessing upon you both in the midst of your sorrow, we remain

Faithfully yours,

A. W. Beaven

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Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer
24 Gramercy Park
New York City

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The Presbyterian Society for Missions

of the

Presbytery of Hudson

56 Hudson Ave., Haverstraw, N.Y.

September 20, 1934.

My dear Dr. and Mrs. Speer,

On behalf of the Presbyterian Society for Missions of the Presbytery of Hudson, I wish to extend to you loving Christian sympathy in the great loss that you have sustained.

Be assured of our prayers for you and for those dear to you - that you may feel God's comforting presence; that your faith may be strengthened; and that we all, emulating the splendid example set by your son may be ready when the summons come to enter the life eternal.

Faithfully yours,

(Mrs. C. M.) Isabel B. Ackerman
President.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES

Presbytery of Kirksville

FALL MEETING, 1934

NEW CAMBRIA, MISSOURI, SEPTEMBER 18-19, 1934

REV. M. F. STUART, Moderator REV. M. Q. STEVENSON, Stated Clerk

The Council—Revs. B. N. Covert, F. L. Hudson, C. E. Almon, W. F. Steen, H. M. Gardner, C. W. Smith, M. Q. Stevenson and Elders S. K. Turner and J. C. Gooding.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

National Missions—Revs. F. L. Hudson, V. B. Demaree, M. Q. Stevenson, Elders J. W. Heyd and W. O. Daniel.

Foreign Missions—Revs. C. E. Almon, C. W. Smith, G. J. Hunsinger, Elders J. M. Border, J. R. McKee.

Christian Education—Revs. W. F. Steen, M. F. Stuart, B. N. Covert, Elders G. H. Jamison, W. O. Hart.

Pensions—Revs. H. M. Gardner, A. S. J. Baker, M. R. Dougherty, Elders C. M. Harrison, R. L. Goodson.

Executive Affairs—Revs. C. W. Smith, H. J. Schrag, Elders H. M. Gooding, Seymour Wigley.

TRUSTEES

E. R. Easley, G. H. Jamison, S. K. Turner, R. E. Gooding
and A. T. Weatherby

The Presbytery of Kirksville met at the Federated Church of New Cambria, Tuesday, September 18, 1934 at 1:30. The opening sermon was preached by the Moderator, Rev. M. F. Stuart of Brookfield on the theme: "The Master Teacher".

The Roll was called and is as follows:

MINISTERS—Present: Rev. C. E. Almon, Rev. A. S. J. Baker, Rev. B. N. Covert, Rev. V. B. Demaree, Rev. H. M. Gardner, Rev. F. L. Hudson, Rev. G. J. Hunsinger, Rev. J. E. Johnston, Rev. H. J. Schrag, Rev. C. W. Smith, Rev. W. F. Steen, Rev. M. Q. Stevenson, Rev. M. F. Stuart.

Ministers—Absent: Rev. W. C. Atwood, Rev. W. E. Barksdale, Rev. A. S. Covert, Rev. M. R. Dougherty, Rev. T. M. Funk, Rev. F. E. Haynes, Rev. Wm. Sissons, Rev. Ray Turner.

Churches—Represented: Brookfield, D. C. Hart; Carrollton, S. K. Turner; Chillicothe, C. E. Shearer; Mt. Carmel, Samuel Palmer; Ethel, G. W. Anspach; Gallatin, W. G. Robertson; Green City, J. M. Border; Hamilton, D. O. Wolfe; Kirksville, Dr. John Bell; La Plata, J. C. Gooding; New Harmony, E. R. Easley; Macon, J. R. McKee; McAdow, J. W. Snyder; Pleasant Hill, R. A. Leach; New Cambria, J. W. Lloyd.

Churches—Not Represented: Atlanta-Shiloh, Avalon. Breckenridge, Callao, Mt. Zion, Chula, New Providence, College Mound, Dawn, Edina, Granger, Green Castle, Mt. Olive, Kingston. McLaughlin Memorial, Parsons Creek, Lock Springs, Pleasant Hope, Milan, Sullivan First, Millard, Mirabile, Molo, N. Y. Settlement, Mulberry, Va. Ridge Bethel, Unionville.

The Prayer of Constitution was offered by Rev. H. M. Gardner.

The following visitors were asked to sit as corresponding members:

Rev. W. H. Barton—Kidder Association of Congregationalists.

Rev. D. K. Ferguson—Presbytery of Lafayette.

Rev. H. A. French—Presbytery of Hannibal.

Mr. J. D. Payne—Lay Missionary in Persia.

Rev. W. F. Steen was granted Permission to live and labor without the bounds of Presbytery.

The Docket was presented and approved.

The Moderator appointed the following temporary committees.

Resolutions—Rev. G. J. Hunsinger, Elder D. C. Hart, Elder J. M. Border.

Minutes of the General Assembly—Rev. C. E. Almon. Elder J. W. Heyd.

Place of Meeting—Elder D. O. Wolfe. Rev. J. E. Johnston, Elder G. W. Anspach.

Leave of Absence—Elder J. C. Goodding, Elder Samuel Palmer, Rev. C. W. Smith.

Finance—Elder J. R. McKee. Elder W. G. Robertson, Rev. C. Almon.

Presbyterial and Council Records—Rev. H. M. Gardner, Elder W. J. Lloyd, Elder C. E. Shearer.

A Conference on the Theme, "Forward Again in Evangelism" was entered into with the Moderator Presiding.

Rev. Joe E. Johnston, Rev. C. W. Smith, Rev. H. M. Gardner and Rev. G. J. Hunsinger discussed the problem from various angles after which a general discussion followed.

The afternoon worship was conducted by Rev. C. E. Almon. Mr. J. D. Payne of Persia brot a very instructive message on that phase of the work of the Church.

At the Evening Worship hour the Rev. W. H. Barton presided. Special music was brought by the New Cambria Choir and a male quartette from Ethel. Rev. D. K. Ferguson D. D. of Marshall, Mo. brought the message on the Theme, "The Providence of God".

The Wednesday Morning devotional was conducted by the Moderator. The minutes of the preceeding day were read and approved.

The following financial reports were presented and after examination by the committee on Finance were approved without exception.

As Treasurer of the Presbytery I beg leave to make the following financial report for the year September 19, 1933—September 18, 1934.

Receipts:

Balance in bank	\$ 63.04	Macon	24.39
College Mound	16.50	Chillicothe	50.00
T. M. Funk	3.00	Macon	15.00
Avalon	2.40	Hamilton	23.52
Macon	30.00	Macon	15.00
Callao	14.00	Brookfield	15.00
Brookfield	25.00	Laclede (rent)	1.00
T. M. Funk	5.00	T. M. Funk	5.00
New Providence	6.43	Brookfield	17.75
Macon	15.00	Total	\$912.90
Granger (Bene)	10.00		
Brookfield	20.50	Disbursements:	
Edina	5.56	General Assembly	\$320.40
Macon	22.75	Synod	178.00
Pleasant Hill (Bene)	5.00	Salary S. C.	211.50
N. Y. Settlement	10.29	Postage, Tele. Etc.	24.48
Mulberry	4.20	Benevolences	21.00
Lock Springs	19.53	Stationery, Envelopes Etc.	12.75
Atlanta-Shiloh	12.60	Travel	3.60
Avalon	9.66	Speakers	25.00
Pleasant Hill	15.12	Printing	41.00
Downing	2.94	Bank Charges 42 checks 1c42
McAdow	9.66	Tax, 46 checks @ 2c92
Molo (\$6 Bene)	10.67	Cash in Bank	70.19
Green City	9.66	Cash in hand	3.64
Parson Creek	6.30	Total	\$912.90
Breckenridge	5.88		
Chula	11.68	Amount Due from Churches.	
Carrollton	19.32	Avalon	\$ 4.62
College Mound	11.85	Chillicothe	6.07
Granger	3.15	Chula	15.27
Mt. Zion	2.10	New Providence	14.73
Sullivan First	19.21	Dawn	17.22
La Plata	68.67	Granger	1.10
New Harmony	4.62	Mt. Olive	23.15
Ethel	10.92	Kingston	6.25
Brookfield	25.00	Pleasant Hope	13.32
Gallatin	25.00	Mirabile	17.64
Callao	12.18	Va Ridge Bethel	16.52
New Cambria	23.31	McLaughlin	4.83
Unionville	21.84	Total	\$126.10
Green Castle	6.93		
Millard	4.07	Respectfully submitted,	
Milan	8.61	M. Q. Stevenson, Treas.	
Kirksville	108.99		

FINANCIAL REPORT NATIONAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Receipts:

Sept. 18, 1933, Balance on hand	\$ 50.82
May 16, 1934, from A. T. Weatherby, Tr. Bd. of Trustees	\$ 50.00
	\$100.82

Disbursements:

Oct. 14, '33, Travel, Hudson and Heyd, Blake Com.	\$ 9.00
Jan. 2, '34, Envelopes and Stamps	2.27
Feb. 14, '34, Travel to Ethel and New Cambria, Hudson	2.40
February 14, '34 Telephone	1.45
March 5, '34, Stamps and Envelopes	3.25
March 9, '34, Stevenson, Travel	3.60
March 10, '34, Hudson, Travel, Downing	3.95
March 10, '34, W. O. Daniel, Travel, Committee Meeting	1.98
April 16, '34, Travel, Hudson, Revere and Newark	5.95
April 27, '34, Hudson, Travel, Carrollton	8.40
May 15, '34, Telephone	1.83
July 23, '34, Travel, New Cambria	2.25
Sept. 12, '34, Stamps and Envelopes	1.00
Total	\$47.33

Balance on hand September 17, 1934 \$53.49

Respectfully submitted,

Fred L. Hudson, Chairman.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1933-34

Balance on hand, (Sept. 19, 1933) \$31.09

Receipts:

From the Treas. of Board of Trustees, Kirksville Presbytery	50.00
Dividend from Kirksville Savings Bank	15.57
Total	\$96.66

Disbursements:

Winter Meeting of Council (Dec. 12, 1933)	\$17.80
Program Committee Meeting (Jan. 12, 1934)	\$ 5.85
Summer Meeting of Council (July 17, 1934)	\$25.58
Program Committee Meeting, August 1934	\$ 9.70
Tax on Checks34
Total	\$59.27

Balance on hand (Sept. 18, 1934) \$37.39

Respectfully submitted,

B. N. Covert. Chr. Council Kirksville Presbytery.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF
RECEIPTS:

The transactions had by A. T. Weatherby, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Kirksville Presbytery, for the period beginning September 18, 1933, and ending September 18, 1934:

1933.	
Sept. 18, Balance on Deposit, First National Bank, Chillicothe	\$123.01
Sept. 18. Balance on Deposit, Citizens National Bank, Chillicothe ...	41.65
1934	
Jan. 6, Interest on S. A. Stone note, \$3,000.00, 6 months, 7%	105.00
June 16, Interest on S. A. Stone note, \$3,000.00, 6 months, 7%	105.00
July 12, Interest on Blake Community note, \$180.00, 4%	8.00
Aug. 6, Loan, Blake Community note, to apply	5.00
Total	\$387.66

DISBURSEMENTS:

1934	
April 20, Expenses, Attendance Gallatin Presbytery, S. K. Turner .. \$	5.05
April 20, Expenses, R. E. Goodding, Gallatin Presbytery, Etc.	9.45
April 20, Expenses, G. H. Jamison, Gallatin Presbytery	6.25
April 20. Expenses, E. R. Easley, Gallatin Presbytery	2.79
April 20, Expenses, A. T. Weatherby, Gallatin Presbytery	3.25
May 8, Fred L. Hudson, for the use of National Missions	50.00
July 14, B. N. Covert. for the Use of the Council	50.00
July 20, Perry Macy, Half interest in Blake Light Plant	25.00
July 20, Ezra Hamilton, Half interest in Blake Light Plant	15.00
Sept. 28, U. S. Revenue on 9 checks @ 2c18
Sept. 18, Balance on Deposit, First National Bank, Chillicothe	123.01
Sept. 18, Balance on Deposit. Citizens National Bank, Chillicothe	97.68
Total	\$387.66

All of which is respectfully submitted, this 18th day of Sept., 1934.

A. T. Weatherby, Treasurer,
Board of Trustees, Kirksville Presbytery

The Council presented its report through its chairman, Rev. B. N. Covert. The report consisted of the revised standing rules of the Presbytery after considerable discussion they were ordered printed and sent down to the Church sessions for review. A report on these to be made at the Spring meeting of Presbytery when they will be formally adopted as corrected by the churches.

National Missions—The committee on National Missions presented its report which was adopted. Its recommendations are as follows:

1. That we use the "Forward Again In Evangelism", as suggested by our General Assembly, and that every church adapt it and use it.

2. That we approve the recommendation of the committee for aid to the following fields, for the year beginning Oct. 1:

Livingston County Parish, with Rev. Joseph E. Johnston, supply, \$240.

Downing-Granger-Pleasant Hill-McAdow Group, with Rev. H. J. Schrag, supply, \$480.

Gallatin Group, Rev. C. W. Smith, supply, \$96.

3. That the following churches be dissolved, that the property be taken over by the Trustees of the Presbytery, and that letters be granted to members of these churches by the Stated Clerk to whatever church they may wish to go:

Grand Prairie, Mt. Moriah, Concord.

It is further recommended that the Presbyterial dues of these above churches be cancelled.

4. That the following churches be visited, and investigation be made as to their wishes as to the future:

Va-Ridge Bethel, M. Q. Stevenson; Mt. Olive, Mr. W. O. Daniel; Corinth, Fred L. Hudson.

5. That the arrangement for Rev. H. M. Gardner to supply Ethel and Callao, be approved.

6. That moderators for the sessions of the vacant churches be continued as for the last six months, except that Rev. B. N. Covert be appointed Program" of Synod, and that we welcome the return to our Presbytery of moderator of the McLaughlin Memorial, instead of Rev. Alva S. Covert.

7. That we give our cordial approval to the "United Movement Miss Ethel Gaskill for visitation.

8. That Rev. Herbert A. French, our Sunday School Missionary be commended, and that our churches be urged to give him cordial support.

9. That the "National Missions Preaching Fellowship" as offered by our Board be commended to the pastors of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred L. Hudson. Chairman.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Committee on Christian Education presented its report through its chairman the Rev. W. F. Steen. The report was received and adopted. It is in substance as follows:

Rally Day should be observed by all Church Schools on October 7th and an offering taken for Christian Education.

The Youth Budget is commended to all as a means of spiritual advancement and financial gain.

The Summer conference at Marshall was a great success and each church should begin now to plan for sending a delegation of young people next summer.

We have two young people under the care of Presbytery with the view to Christian work. Miss Helen Bomgardner of Unionville and Lawrence Ashworth of Hamiton.

We recommend an elders' conference some time during the year.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented its report through its chairman, Rev. C. E. Almon. The report was received and adopted. Its recommendations follow:

1. That in response to the call from the Board for a 10% increase in gifts we urge the churches to make every effort to increase their benevolent giving.

2. That study groups be formed to keep in touch with current information from the fields.

3. Where a fair sum for Benevolences is not raised through the regular channels new methods be devised to secure the Benevolent quotas. Personal solicitation is suggested as a good means of raising such funds.

PENSIONS

The Committee on Pensions presented its report through its chairman the Rev. H. M. Gardner. It was received and adopted. It follows:

Your Committee earnestly urges every minister and church within the bounds of Presbytery to be faithful in sending in the 5% to the Board of Pensions, for the Relief Department.

We recommend that renewal blanks in favor of Rev. Alva S. Covert be renewed to the sum of \$504.00.

EXECUTIVE AFFAIRS

The Chairman, Rev. C. W. Smith, reported that no matters were brought to the attention of the committee.

TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees presented the following report through its President, Elder S. K. Turner. It was received and adopted. It follows:

The Trustees report the sale of the Dawn Church building for \$50.00 which amount has been sent to the Board of National Missions, as payment in full of their note of \$500.00. This leaves us with two lots about 130 feet square of little value at the present time.

The personal property, of the Blake Community Church, bell, pulpit and benches are subject to the request of other churches where these articles can be used.

Elder E. R. Easley is suggested to succeed himself as a member of the Board.

MORNING WORSHIP

At the Morning worship the Moderator presided and the Rev. D. K. Ferguson brought an inspiring message in the theme. "The World's Need of a Courageous Ministry."

The Afternoon devotion was conducted by the Rev. W. M. Barton the Pastor Host. He based his talk on the twenty-third Psalm.

The Commissioners to the General Assembly made their reports which were very full and interestingly given. The commissions were commended for their faithfulness.

The temporary committees made their reports as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

Rev. G. J. Hunsinger reported for the committee as follows:

We, the ministers and elders of the Presbytery of Kirksville, wish to extend our thanks and appreciation—

1. To the Pastor and Congregation of the Federated Church for their cordial and delightful entertainment in their churches and homes.
2. To the Choir of the New Cambria Church and the Ethel quartette for music so beautifully rendered.
3. To Mr. J. D. Payne, Lay Missionary from Persia for his enlightening and instructive talk concerning Mission work in Persia.
4. To the Rev. D. K. Ferguson of Marshall, Mo., for his fresh stimulating and inspiring sermons, and his sacrifice in giving up his own Presbytery Meeting.
5. Especially would we thank the ladies of the church for their elegantly prepared provisions for our physical needs.

PLACE OF MEETING

Rev. J. E. Johnston reporting for the committee announced that both Brookfield and Macon had placed invitations in the committee's hands. The Presbytery was asked to choose between the two. Macon was chosen.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Rev. T. M. Funk and Rev. William Sissons sent letters asking to be excused from attending.

FINANCE

Elder J. R. McKee reporting for the committee said that the accounts of the four treasurers of the Presbytery were found in good order.

PRESBYTERIAL AND COUNCIL RECORDS

Elder C. E. Shearer reported that the records were found in order and well kept.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Stated Clerk was ordered to pay Mr. Payne \$5.00 toward his travel in attending Presbytery.

The Stated clerk was ordered to write to Rev. T. M. Funk our appreciation of his faithful interest in the Presbytery and to thank him for his gifts.

Mr. Weatherby was instructed to write to Rev. Andrew McAllen relative to \$50.00 due the Presbytery and to press collection.

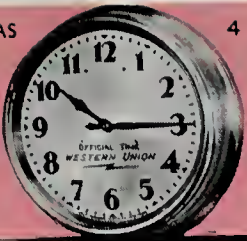
Word was brought to the Presbytery of the death of Mr. Elliott Speer, son of Dr. Robert E. Speer and a Prayer was offered by the Moderator for the family of Dr. Speer.

The Business of the day being over the minutes were read and approved, the final Roll was called, and the order made to adjourn after the communion service.

The Moderator, Rev. M. F. Stuart, conducted the closing communion after which Presbytery adjourned to meet in Macon. Mo., April 23, 1935.

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

YOUR MANY FRIENDS IN CLEVELAND PRESBYTERY SEND THROUGH ME
 THEIR AFFECTION AND DEEP SYMPATHY IN THIS HOUR OF SORROW IT
 MAY COMFORT YOU AND THE FAMILY TO KNOW THAT YOU WERE ON
 OUR HEARTS YESTERDAY AND THAT IN MANY PLACES OF WORSHIP
 PRAYERS WERE MADE FOR YOU AND ALL WHO SUFFER THROUGH
 ELLIOTT'S TRAGIC DEATH STOP YET WE REJOICE IN KNOWING THAT
 AS EVER YOU WILL FIND THAT GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH
 A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TIME OF TROUBLE=

A P HIGLEY



Out

THE PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO-NIAGARA
CURTISS BUILDING
DELAWARE AVENUE AT TUPPER STREET
BUFFALO, N. Y.

September 25, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:

The Presbytery of Buffalo-Niagara met yesterday. One of the first matters to which it gave its attention and which it voted with very deep feeling was to instruct the Stated Clerk to send to you a message of affection and sympathy. The brethren of the Presbytery would share with you the sorrow which the tragedy at Northfield has brought into your home. The men begged me to assure you in this letter of their continued high regard and warm affection and their prayers for the sustenance and comfort of yourself and Mrs. Speer in this hour of trial.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Janeway

Stated Clerk.

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Young Women's Christian Association

38 LAWRENCE STREET
LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS

PRESIDENT
MRS. EARL J. WADDINGTON

GENERAL SECRETARY
ETHEL A. MILLER

September 18 - 1934

My dear Mrs. Speer -

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lawrence Y. W. C. A., I was requested to extend their deepest sympathy to you in your great sorrow.

May you find some comfort and hope in Him, who alone knows the reason for such a sad ending to a life so full of promise.

Sincerely yours,

Myra A. Stone

Corresponding secretary

CHARTER MEMBER OF YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF U. S. A.

Lawrence Y. W. C. A.

R. E. Speer

M. S. Purdy

THE

Presbytery of Newark

OCT 25 1954

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Ans.

October Eleventh
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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

In compliance with the action of the Newark Presbytery at its Fall meeting, and on its behalf, we wish to extend to you our most heartfelt sympathy in the sorrow and loss that have come to you in the tragic death of your son.

We are unable to fully appreciate the extent of your suffering, but we trust we have a share in the Christian faith and hope that have fortified and sustained you in it. We unite with a great body of Christians in this and in other lands in the prayer that the riches of grace in Christ Jesus may be your portion and that out of this tragedy, deplorable and inexplicable as it may be, good may come; that God may make the wrath of man to praise Him.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard S. Purdy
Moderator.

Joseph Hunter
Stated Clerk.

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MAYFAIR METHODIST CHURCH

R. E. Spear

WILSON AND KILPATRICK AVE'S.

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John O. Crawford

GEO. C. CARSWELL, D. D.

MINISTER

OCT 18 1934

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Ans.

October 16, 1934.

Dr. Robert N. Spear,

New York City, N.Y.

Dear Doctor Spear:- The Chicago Preachers Meeting by unanimous and hearty vote, through their committee on fraternalism, wish to express to you their deep sympathy and to assure you of their prayers in these days of sore testing to you.

What a mysterious and tragic thing that your fine son in the midst of a splendid career should have this come to him, to his loved ones, and to the splendid institution he was serving!

Let me add this personal word- during the Bible Conference at Winona Lake, Indiana, this summer I heard you joy and profit as I have other years there and elsewhere for twenty-five and more years. And may God sustain you in this trying time and may you come through this purified as by fire.

John O. Crawford

Chairman Committee on Fraternalism,
Methodist Preachers Meeting.

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Magnolia Avenue Presbyterian Church

Riverside, California

Rev. D. L. MacQUARRIE, Pastor
Stated Clerk Presbytery of Riverside

Oct 10th, 1934

Dear Dr and Mrs Speer:

Presbytery of Riverside in session yesterday adopted the following-

"THAT THE PRESBYTERY OF RIVERSIDE, THROUGH ITS STATED CLERK, EXPRESS TO DR AND MRS ROBERT E. SPEER OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, ITS DEEP SYMPATHY IN THE TRAGIC LOSS OF THEIR SON, THE REV ELLIOTT SPEER, AND THAT THE PRESBYTERY ASSURE DR AND MRS SPEER OF ITS CONTINUED PRAYER THAT GOD MAY COMFORT AND UPHOLD THEM."

By order of Presbytery

D. L. Macquarrie
Stated Clerk.

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Woman's Missionary Society

PHILADELPHIA NORTH PRESBYTERY

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2 Sharpless Road, Melrose Park
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6745 Greene Street, Germantown
Philadelphia, Pa.

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CONTINGENT AND PENSION
MRS. JOHN K. LOGAN
Bethayres, Pa.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
MRS. J. H. CROUSE
4935 Saul Street, Frankford
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

We note with deep regret
the passing of your beloved son. It is hard
to say to you, who have brought so much joy
and comfort into the hearts of those who are
cast down, some words which may in a
small measure lighten your burden of sorrow
at this time. Please be assured that in our
constant thoughts and prayers we are striving to
this end. Again, as we have done before, let us
thank you for your always heartening message and
wish for you and yours new light upon your path-
way and still broader shoulders to carry your heavy
burden.

Yours,
Lana C. Crouse
Co. Sec.

Original from AC 2 RJ No 11 4/27. 1934

Harold An W. Wash

18 Remington Rd.

Amidon Conn

Thinking of you every minute Hope Dearest love to Darryl
and children Hope that Billy was with you Hope Ann
getting in touch with Hope and Jo Hope Mrs. Casway
good comfort Hope to Elliotts have Abigail to be
Thankful for all ways Love
Mamie

From
Rev. Charles O. Argy. 1 Am. V. Socy.

Dearest love and God's tenderest blessings envelop you all
August

Ammon Rodier Ruloz/Amidon

Love and affection
Amidon Conn



THE DIRECTORS, SUPERINTENDENTS
AND FACULTY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA REQUEST
THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE
AT THE COMMEMORATION OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FOUNDING OF THE SEMINARY
ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, THE
SECOND AND THIRD OF OCTOBER
NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR
AT NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

THE FAVOR OF A REPLY BEFORE
SEPTEMBER FIFTEENTH IS REQUESTED

Ambert G. Moody

The Northfield Schools

MOUNT HERMON SCHOOL · NORTHFIELD SEMINARY

ELLIOTT SPEER, *Headmaster*

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JOHN L. GRANDIN, *Chairman of Executive Committee*
EDWIN M. BULKLEY, *Treasurer*

ELLIOTT SPEER, *Chairman of Administrative Committee*
AMBERT G. MOODY, *Clerk and Assistant Treasurer*
GEORGE MCEWAN, *Assistant Treasurer*
ALBERT E. ROBERTS, *Executive Secretary*

East Northfield Massachusetts

September 19, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Doctor Speer:

By direction of the Executive Committee, I regret to advise you that owing to the tragic death of Mr. Speer, the business to be considered at the Special Meetings of the Corporators and Trustees called for October 6, 1934, will be deferred to a meeting to be held later in the Autumn. Notice will be sent advising you of the date of this meeting as soon as it is determined.

Sincerely yours,

Ambert G. Moody
Clerk.

I am very sorry that it seems necessary for formality's sake to send you this notice.

A.G.M.

**THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK**

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Minute adopted by the Board on September 17, 1934.

The Board responds in personal grief to the sorrow that has befallen its beloved Senior Secretary in the tragic death of his son, the Rev. Elliott Speer, on September 14th. It assures Dr. and Mrs. Speer of its fellowship with them in this difficult hour, commending them to that grace of God to which their long Christian service has accustomed them and which will not now fail them. All the members of the Board would rejoice to find some effective method of manifesting their love and sympathy both to the dear friends in America, to the daughter in China, so closely related to the Board, and to the daughter in England. We have shared in the family's pride in the son and his Christian character and service and we share therefore in the sorrow of this early transfer from his important earthly work to other service, even though we know him to be in safer and wiser hands than ours. Our faith in an overruling love of God and our assurance of His wider purposes which take up into themselves even the wrongs that men do and suffer can alone make this unexplained and ruinous tragedy endurable. Our thoughts include the great force of missionaries from all Churches who will be touched and solemnized by knowledge of the deep valley through which this household, so beloved among them, must go and we join their petition for comfort and peace. The President is requested to convey our expression of affectionate remembrance to Dr. and Mrs. Speer and also to extend to Mrs. Elliott Speer its profound sympathy in this sudden bereavement.

The Board desires Dr. Speer to extend his vacation so long as it may seem to him wise in order to secure adequate rest for his service during the coming year and also to minister in any way to the comfort of those who may especially need his care.

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Hueneme, California,
Oct. 3, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer,

The Presbytery of Santa Barbara, meeting recently at Morro Bay, California, has instructed me to convey to you and yours their condolences in your bereavement in the tragic death of your son.

At that meeting many brethern voiced their sentiments, and I assure you their expressions of sympathy were deep and sincere. The affection they hold toward you and the appreciation of your work for Christ and his kingdom were expressed with frankness and warmth. Prayers were offered in which you were carried to the very throne of grace for comfort and strength.

May I add my personal expression of sympathy and the prayer that the Heavenly Father may come very near to you in this hour and spare you yet many years for the service in his church.

Sincerely & Affectionately Yours,

William Miedema

Stated Clerk.

Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society

18TH FLOOR
152 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.
CABLE ADDRESS, "TAVOYAM, NEW YORK"

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ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT
MRS. LESLIE E. SWAIN,
VICE-PRESIDENT
MISS JANET S. MCKAY,
SECRETARY

October 8, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, I am writing to express to you the deep sympathy which is in all of our hearts at this time because of the overwhelming sorrow which has come to you and Mrs. Speer in the loss of your son.

It is instinctive to feel a peculiar concern for a family whose name has been so dear to us for many years, and in our blind groping toward some understanding of this bereavement we can see one very beautiful side: the rare fortitude which you and Mrs. Speer have been showing has made us all stronger, because of the assurance that even while

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SECRETARY

passing through these deepest waters such a
Christ-like attitude has been instinctively
possible for you. Believe me, therefore, that
I bear to you herewith the personal admiration
and sympathy from each of our Board, with
a prayer that God may bless you richly in
these days of sad readjustment.

Ever most sincerely yours,
Margaret T. Applegarth.
(Secretary of the Board.)

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JOHN B. STOUDE
ALBANY, NEW YORK

852 Chestnut St.

10 Oct 1934

Dr Robert E. Speer
New York City

Dear Dr Speer - The Minister and Elders of Madison
Ave. Presbyterian Church of Albany, N.Y. send their heart-
felt sympathy to you in your bereavement.

The Session of this Church furthermore feels regret
that a certain small minority has sought to obstruct
your work and to lessen your influence in the Church
at large. This Session assures you of its complete
confidence in you both personally and officially.

We pray that Our Heavenly Father will give
you strength and comfort and peace.

Very sincerely

J. B. Stouder

Clk of Session

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27 Tallman Place,
Nyack-on-Hudson, N.Y.,
October, tenth,
1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer;

The enclosed resolution was adopted and spread
upon our conference minutes at the last meeting,
held, October 8, 1934.

Your son was one of God's noble men and his going
is a great loss to the christian forces of the
country.

In sending the enclosed, I also want to express
my personal sympathy.

Fraternally yours,

George R. Stuart Sec'y.

New York Baptist Ministers' Conference.

The Baptist Ministers Conference of Greater New York desires to express to Mrs Elliott Speer and family and to Dr and Mrs Robert E. Speer, their deepest sympathy in the untimely tragedy which has robbed them of a loving and devoted husband and son.

As he was coming into the full measure of his power as leader, teacher and inspirer of young men at Mount Hermon School Rev. Elliott Speer has been stricken down.

With a rich background of Christian experience, splendid training, high ideals and a great vision of the future of Mount Hermon, he gave rich promise of strong Christian leadership for years to come in this splendid educational institution.

In your hour of trial and sorrow our hearts go out to you in Christian fellowship and prayer that our Heavenly Father may comfort and sustain you in your great loss.

By vote of the Conference, Monday, October 1,
1934

Edgar P. Hyde
Mark Wayne Williams
J. G. Lockwell

Committee.

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ROGER H. WILLIAMS
CLERK OF SESSION
40 WALL STREET

NEW YORK, October 5, 1934

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Speer:

At the meeting a day or so ago of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, the following resolution was adopted:

"That we record our sorrow for the tragic death of Dr. Elliott Speer, and that the Clerk of Session be requested to convey the assurance of our affectionate sympathy to his father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer, to Mrs. Elliott Speer and to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Welles, Jr."

I can only add that while in formal language this message comes with heartfelt sincerity and with tenderest concern for all your sad and stricken family.

Faithfully,

Roger H. Williams

Clerk.

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104 Pelton Avenue,
Staten Island, New York.
October 5, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

The Session of Calvary Presbyterian Church of West New Brighton, Staten Island, N.Y. at its regular meeting on September 18, 1934 passed the following resolution:

The Clerk of the Session is hereby directed to extend the sympathy of the Session to Dr. Robert E. Speer in the recent tragic death of his son, the eminent Dr. Elliott Speer of the Mt. Hermon School at Northfield, Mass. The prayers of the Session go out for Dr. Speer that he may have the consolation of God's infinite grace in his personal loss and sorrow.

Very respectfully yours,

Frank G. Ingalls

Clerk of the Session

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PRESBYTERY OF OMAHA

A. F. ERNST, PH. D.

STATED CLERK AND TREASURER

935 NORTH 39TH STREET

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Oct. 5, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The Presbytery of Omaha has learned with sorrow of the death of your son Elliott.

I have been instructed to write to you and to express the heartfelt sympathy of the brethren in this hour of your grief. We do not understand the mysteries of providence; but we know that in the wisdom and love of God all is well. You are comforted with the memory of the fine record made by your son. In the plan of God his work here was finished, and he has been promoted to a position of eternal blessedness.

Yours sincerely,

A. F. Ernst.

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Presbytery of Seattle

REV. F. L. FORBES, D. D., STATED CLERK
423 TERRY AVE., APT. 51
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

October 1 1934.

Dr Robert E. Speer,
New York City,
Dear Dr Speer;

At a recent meeting of Seattle Presbytery, the brethren, hearing of your son's tragic death, passed a resolution of sympathy for you and your family and requested me to express to you the sympathy of Presbytery in this great sorrow. Presbytery also engaged in prayer that God would comfort you and give you strength.

Personally, I was greatly shocked to read of your son's death. While I have not known you personally, I have followed your career from the time you came with the Board to the present time. Some years ago I lost my only son at the age of twenty one, being killed accidentally, so can sympathize with you personally in this great sorrow.

God bless and comfort you, as He only can.

Cordially yours

F. L. Forbes

Stated Clerk.

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RUSSELL PAYNTER, D. D., MINISTER

PHONE, CABANY 5128
6252 NORTHWOOD AVE.



FORMERLY THE
WASHINGTON AND COMPTON AVENUE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Memorial Presbyterian Church of St. Louis

SKINKER ROAD AND ALEXANDER DRIVE
PHONE, CABANY 0943
ST. LOUIS, MO.

October 3rd, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
456 Fifth Avenue
New York.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Our Session, at its regular monthly meeting, requested us to express to you their deep sympathy in the loss you have sustained by the tragic death of your son, Dr. Elliott Speer.

We would not intrude upon you in your sorrow, but only want to assure you of our warm regard and our prayer that God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, may comfort you and those to whom he was dear, in this time of trial.

Faithfully yours.

Russell Paynter
Moderator.

J. M. Woods.
Clerk.

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140 CLARENDON STREET

September 19th
1934.

My dear Mrs. Speer:-

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Boston Young Women's Christian Association, held on September 18th, the first business of the meeting was a motion that the secretary be instructed to write to you, to express the very deep sympathy of our board in the tragic death of your splendid son. In the absence of the secretary from the city, I am taking it upon myself to write in her place.

In any case I had planned to write you a personal note, because after your visit to us in Rochester I thought of you not only as the president of the National Board, to whom we all looked up, but as a friend. And so it is to you chiefly as a friend, and as one member of our Y. W. C. A. family to another, that I wish to express the truly heartfelt sympathy of us all for you in your great sorrow. It seems supreme tragedy that the life of a man like your son should be snuffed out, and fast our understanding.

Very sincerely yours
Eunice Harrison
(Mrs. Sydney M. Harrison)
President

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THE PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA NORTH
JOSEPH M. EWING
STATED CLERK

AMBLER, PA.

September 18, 1934

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

Dear Friends:

The Presbytery of Philadelphia North assembled today in stated meeting in the Presbyterian Church at Newtown, Pennsylvania, most sincerely expresses its deep sympathy with you in your sudden and tragic sorrow.

A period of intercessory prayer in your behalf before the Father of Comfort was observed. The Rev. John B. Laird of Frankford, Philadelphia, most helpfully directed our thoughts heavenward.

Believe in the sincere feeling of every member and communicant of this Presbytery to you at such a time as this! May the One who granted you such joy in the very having of such a son be unto you now according to His abundant mercies and promises.

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph M. Ewing

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September 19, 1934

My dear Dr. and Mrs. Speer:

The Presbytery of Pittsburgh at its meeting Tuesday with deep concern asked that a letter be sent you, expressing to you and your family and to your son Elliott's family the sorrow of heart that has come to us and all our people in the tragic death of your dear son.

You have meant so much to all of us and to the church, which you have served during a long period of faithful service, that we cannot think of your grief without making it our own. You will know where comfort and strength are to be found and our only desire is to make you aware that as you walk the path of sorrow we, too, walk with you. We write no commonplace sentiments of consolation. We know you too well to do that. But perhaps it may help to have recalled to memory the words of one of your own friends, Maltbie Babcock, who in writing to a friend who had lost his child said: "I would not ask why if I were you. How is a better word - how can I glorify Thee, how well can I show those who know me how the Father can help His child. God's

will is not to be borne, but ever to be done. Now you are to do His will under new, hard, distressing and depressing circumstances. If we were pagans, we might hide ourselves and our despair, but we are Christians who say 'Our Father' and hear our Saviour's words, 'Because I live ye shall live also.' Heirs then of eternal life and love - our own, ours forever, sleeping or waking - here or there - with uplifted faces, brave hearts and faithful hands, we must do our work, help lift other's burdens, scatter kindnesses, following Him who said, knowing it would lead to the Cross, 'Follow me.'"

We want you to know that all of us love and honor you and send you our sincere sympathy. May God bless and keep you and all your dear ones, here and far away, even as He will keep your dear son in His love for ever.

Sincerely,

J Norman Hunter
Moderator.

James A. Kelso.
Hugh J. Kerr

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York

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Spring Lake, Mich.
September 20, 1934.

The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer,

The Presbytery of Grand Rapids wishes me to express to you for them their great sympathy with you in the recent tragic loss of your son, the Rev. Elliott Speer. We believe with you that His grace alone is sufficient for us, and this is especially true in a time such as this. So far as human hands and hearts can help, however, we want you to know that we are your friends, and that you are in our prayers.

It was the desire of Presbytery also that I take this occasion to assure you that you have the heartiest and fullest support of our men in your work with our Board of Foreign Missions. We can sense only in part something of what the burden is that you are carrying, but we feel that you are carrying that burden nobly and well, and we are with you.

This is just a personal note of sympathy and confidence from the men of our Presbytery, Dr. Speer, and does not require an answer. We just wanted you to know that you have a big place in our hearts.

Most sincerely,

The Presbytery of Grand Rapids,

Adam J. Westmaas
Chairman, Com. on Foreign Missions,
Stated Clerk.

President, JAMES A. KELSO, Ph. D., D. D.
Secretary, WILLIAM R. FARMER, D. D.
Registrar, DAVID E. CULLEY, Ph. D., D. D.

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The Western Theological Seminary
Pittsburgh, Pa.

September 20, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Mrs. Kelso and I were greatly shocked by the news of your dear son's sudden and tragic death, and we join in expressing our deep sympathy with you and Mrs. Speer, and your son's family, in this sore bereavement which has come upon you. You have our sympathies and are remembered in our prayers.

The Faculty of the Western Theological Seminary also desire me to convey to you their sympathy in your sorrow. We are all so overwhelmed by the outrageous crime which has bereaved you that we can scarcely express our feelings, but we want to tell you how the tragedy has made us realize how we respect and love you, and we wish you to know this.

Very sincerely yours,

James A. Kelso

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HUGH BROWER
PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH
PARSONS COLLEGE
502 CARPENTER STREET
FAIRFIELD, IOWA

September 18, 1954

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

Your brethren of Iowa Presbytery, in session yesterday, instructed me to convey to you, our dearly beloved in the Lord, our sympathy in your recent bereavement. We pray that He, with Whom you walk so closely, will grant you that peace which passeth understanding, as you cast all your care upon Him.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Brower,
Stated Clerk
Presbytery of Iowa

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PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND

REV. WILLIAM C. WATSON, STATED CLERK

923 FIRST AVENUE WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

September 19, 1934.

Robert E. Speer, D. D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

The 270th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Northumberland had hardly convened before one of its members moved that prayer be offered in behalf of you and yours and that I send you a message of sympathy.

I only wish that I could convey to you and Mrs. Speer and your son's family the feeling of my fellow Presbyters and my own! I know that public prayer was offered on Sunday in your behalf in the church I serve and in another church of Presbytery, which, no doubt, was true in many, many churches everywhere. Our Presbytery is deeply touched and you and yours will be remembered in prayer for months to come.

You will realize how I feel personally when I tell you that I am a son of Hermon. You may recall my conversation with you about the school when you were in Williamsport about two years ago to address The Northumberland Brotherhood. No one can honor and love a man for years as I have you and pray daily for a school and its headmaster as I have done for Hermon and your son without being deeply touched. Some one has said, "Be bigger than anything that can happen to you." That is only possible for those who know and love the Strong Son of God who said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." As you know Him and love Him as few men do, I know that you are doing this as few men can, and that your wounded, broken spirit is being healed by His grace.

As you will have countless telegrams and letters to answer, do not think of replying; but just accept the sympathy of your brethren of Northumberland Presbytery who know and care.

Praying that "the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation," will soon take away the sting from this sudden Home-Going and leave all of you only the sweet

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND

REV. WILLIAM C. WATSON, STATED CLERK

923 FIRST AVENUE :- WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

memory of him whom you have loved and lost just for
a little while, I am,

Sympathetically yours,

Wm. C. Watson,

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Hopkinsville, Ky. Sept. 20th. 34.

The Board of Foreign Missions,
Dr. Robert E. Speer, Secretary,
New York.

Dear Dr. Speer:- At the meeting of Princeton presbytery last Tuesday a Unanimous vote of confidence in the Board of Foreign Missions and its entire personⁿ_{el} was taken. I was asked to write this action to you and also presbyteries deep sympathy for you in the recent tragic loss of your son. We were shocked and grieved beyond expression when the news reached us. May the Good Lord Comfort and sustain you and all of your family!

Very truly yours,



Stated Clerk.

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The Presbytery of St. Clairsville

REV. E. W. LODWICK, STATED CLERK

PHONE 58

CUMBERLAND, OHIO

September 20, 1934.

Robert E. Speer, D.D.,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Doctor Speer:-

The sudden and tragic death of your son has touched the heart of the church. The sympathy of all are with you in your sorrow.

The members of the Presbytery of St. Clairsville join with others in the prayer that the God of all comfort, in whom you trust, may be very near you at this time.

Sincerely yours

E. W. Lodwick, S. C.

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LAFAYETTE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EIGHTY-FIVE SOUTH OXFORD STREET
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK
PASTOR'S STUDY

September 17 1934

Dear Dr. Speer -

On behalf of the people of this church, among whom you are held in such affectionate esteem, as well as on my own behalf, I want to tell you how deeply we sympathize with you and Mrs. Speer in the sorrow that has come to you.

That you will come triumphantly through this trial, as you have come through others, I am confident, but that it is an exceedingly heavy trial, I realize.

May God keep you in his peace.

Sincerely yours

Alice Emagary

Please do not trouble to acknowledge this

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(MUNN AVENUE)
EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

ROBERT BREWSTER BEATTIE, MINISTER

C. MELVILLE WRIGHT, ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Sept. 16, 1934

My dear Dr. Speer:

The Session of Munn Avenue Church, at its meeting this morning, instructed me, as its clerk, to write you, assuring you and Mrs. Speer of our deepest sympathy in the loss which you and your family and the Christian cause has suffered in the going of Elliott. Dr. Beattie's prayer at the morning service was that you might be sustained by the faith in and the love of the Christ, who has been brought to so many lives throughout the world through your own ministry. I recall how much your message to me, following the death of Father, meant to us, and I am sure that Mother would want me to add a personal note of sympathy in behalf of our family.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Hunsicker

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The Presbytery of New Brunswick

REV. ELMER WALKER, STATED CLERK AND TREASURER

R. D. 1 TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

September 17, 1934

My dear Doctor Speer:-

I know that I am voicing the mind of our Presbytery in sending to you its expression of deepest sympathy in this your moment of deepest sorrow.

Doctor Robert E. Speer
New York City.

Sincerely

Elmer Walker
Stated Clerk

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Houtzdale, Pa.

September 18th, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156--5 Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

At a Retreat Conference held in the Alexandria Presbyterian church Tuesday September 18th—Ministers and Elders of the churches of the Presbytery of Huntingdon together with Ministers and officers of other denominations cooperating in a five week Loyalty Crusade program this Fall, as Moderator of Presbytery and chairman of the afternoon session, Unanimously,

I was directed to convey to you and family, and the family of your deceased son, our deepest sympathy, heartfelt prayer, and sincere love, in the great sorrow which has come upon you. May the God of all Comfort—Comfort you all through Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May the Christ of all Comfort whom you have pointed out ^{to} multitudes scattered through out the world, in you gracious ministry of love, verify in your experience His Peace, Love and strength which passeth all understanding.

Sincerely your in Christ Jesus,

Bus. J. West-

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Central Presbyterian Church
Haberstraw, N. Y.
Rev. Charles M. Ackerman, Pastor

MANSE, 56 HUDSON AVENUE

September 19, 1934.

Dr. Robert C. Spear,
New York, N. Y.
Dear Dr. Spear:

At the stated meeting of Hudson Presbytery on Monday and Tuesday of this week prayers were offered for you and your loved ones in the hour of your deep sorrow, and the Presbytery bade me convey to you the profound sympathy of the brethren. They feel your loss as a profound sorrow.

May our Heavenly Father sustain your faith and trust and give you peace.

Mrs. Ackerman and I attended the Missionary Conference at Northfield in

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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BELLE VERNON, PA.

September 19, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The Session of this church wishes to express its deep sympathy with you in your bereavement. May we assure you that you will be remembered in our prayers.

Sincerely yours,

Howard H. Curtis
Pastor

Chas. F. Lambert
Clerk of Session

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AMERICAN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY

152 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK

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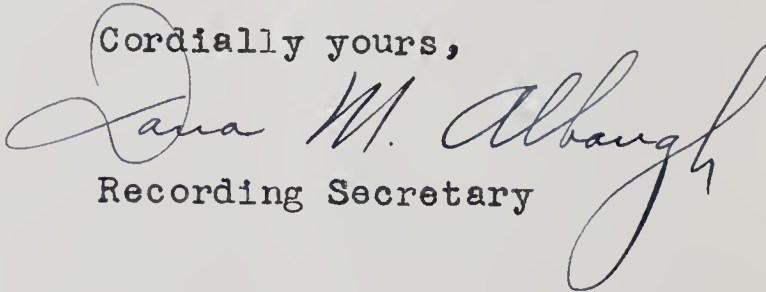
September 20, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

The Board of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in session in New York on Monday and Tuesday of this week requested me to express to you and Mrs. Speer on their behalf sincere sorrow for the tragedy which has recently come into your family. You were very much in our thoughts.

Cordially yours,


Recording Secretary

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The Presbytery of Zanesville

Rev. David M. Ogilvie, Stated Clerk

Dresden, Ohio



September 20 1934

To Dr. Robert E. Speer
The honored and beloved Secretary
of our Board of Foreign Missions

Dear brother:

I am instructed by the Presbytery of Zanesville, to express to you and to Mrs. Speer our deep sympathy in the sorrow that has come to you, through the tragic death of your son, The Rev. Elliott Speer.

No one knows better than you know that God has made us all of one blood, that he has fashioned all our hearts alike, and that these human hearts of ours respond to the same joys, are bowed down by the same griefs, and, that only the eternal God can satisfy their hunger or turn their mourning into joy.

No chastening, for the present, seemeth to be joyous, but grievous.

But so surely as God is love, we know that he sends us no needless tears or griefs or heart aches, and that someday, out of full hearts we shall thank him for them all.

To many of us heaven seems remote and dim, but when our dearest have been transplanted to that other country, it can never again seem quite so shadowy or quite so far away.

My father left Scotland in 1882 to prepare a new home for his family in Canada. When we saw it a year later it seemed more spacious than the old one had been. But it did not seem like home until we had opened our boxes and brought out the old familiar things that we had saved when the old home was broken up. So I have thought that the gathering beforehand of our dearest treasures into the heavenly home, may be at least a part of what Jesus meant when he said: I go to prepare a place for you.

May he who wept with the sisters of Bethany be close beside you in this hour of your need.

Yours on behalf of the Presbytery of Zanesville

David M. Ogilvie

Stated Clerk

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First Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER
COLLEGE CORNER, OHIO

September 19, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer, Senior Secretary,
Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer;

It is with sorrow the Presbytery of White Water learns of the untimely death of your beloved son, Elliott Speer.

When in the providence of God, a flower is plucked from among his children, it is the prayer of us all that such flower will adorn His Kingdom, and bring added glory to His name.

The Presbytery of White Water, in session at Shelbyville, Indiana, September 18, wishes to express to you and your family sincere sympathy for your loss, and glory with you in our common faith in Jesus Christ. May His grace abound in your hour of sorrow.

Yours in a bond of affection,

The Presbytery of White Water.

Willis R. Booth Stated Clerk.

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PRESBYTERY OF ERIE

CALVIN EDGAR REED
STATED CLERK

FAIRVIEW, PENNSYLVANIA

October 9 1934

Doctor and Mrs Robert E Speer
New York
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My Dear Doctor and Mrs Speer: The Presbytery of Erie in its recent regular session in the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville, Pa., directed me to write you conveying our individual and collective sympathy in the tragic loss which so lately befell your family in the death of your son, the Reverend Elliott Speer. This task I undertake, fully aware that I shall probably be unable to say a word that will lessen the grief you must feel, yet believing, from my own experience in days gone by, that the words of greeting from those who know and love us are of some help.

We are sensible of the fact that the loss falls first and most heavily on the immediate family, but we know also that in your son's sudden taking away the whole Church, as well as the Presbyterian Church, has suffered a severe blow; the institution to which he was giving his life is a serious sufferer too.

Not only in special prayer offered by our Moderator, Rev. Dr Thos Grier Koontz, in the open session of Presbytery, but in the private petitions of our members we did and do commit you to Him Whom we are taught to know and have found to be "The Father of mercies and God of all comfort, Who comforteth us in all our afflictions, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any trouble with the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God". We know He is your Stay and Refuge and are persuaded you are finding Him not to fail you in this hour. May His Grace be multiplied to you in this hour!

On behalf of the Presbytery of Erie and with cordial personal esteem, I am

Very Sincerely Yours,



Stated Clerk.

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Presbytery of Morris and Orange

STATED CLERK
HENRY A. PEARCE
55 WILLIAM ST.
W. ORANGE, N. J.

September 19, 1934.

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, held yesterday at Munn Ave. Church, East Orange, I was instructed to express to you the deep grief and the sincere sympathy of the Presbytery because of the tragic death of your son. Your many, many friends in the Presbytery desire to assure you of their prayers in behalf of Mrs. Speer and yourself and in behalf of your son's widow and children.

We commend you all to the God of all grace and all comfort.

Faithfully yours,

Henry A. Pearce

REV. W. G. FELMETH, D.D., Chairman
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Presbyterian National Missions in Synod of New Jersey

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON
REV. ROBERT ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN
ASBURY, WARREN COUNTY, N. J.

PHONE: HAMPTON 56-R-23

September 19, 1934.

Robert E. Speer, D.D.
Lakeville, Connecticut,

My dear Dr. Speer:

Monday morning, as I was making hurried preparation to go to a meeting of the Council of the Synod of New Jersey, I glanced at the paper, and caught sight of your name. I was inexpressibly shocked, on looking at the head of the article, to learn the dire calamity that had come to you. It hurt me to the heart to think that this could happen to my friend Robert E. Speer. My knowledge of you began by hearing your classmates Gormley and Thomas Sproull, (your classmates in Princeton, and sons of our pastor in Greenpoint, Brooklyn,) speak of you. Then I met you in that hospitable home in Binghampton, when I was a delegate at the Y.M.C.A. convention there in 1890. It seemed that there began then a relationship that has bound me to you ever since. Now your sorrow is my sorrow. It seems inconceivable that any one should do so dastardly a deed as has befallen you. Yet the terrible fact remains. Truly we are living in awful times. We know not what a day may bring forth. If this could happen to you, we may ask, who is safe? The great temptation is to question the providence of God, who permits such things. You will not do this. I am confident you know that even in such dire circumstances, the eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Newton yesterday, Dr. C. W. Rouse, chairman of our committee on Foreign Missions, who was in Princeton when you were there, introduced the enclosed resolution, which I was instructed to send you. With it we send our deepest sympathy. We cannot undo, what has been done; but we can and do commend you and your loved ones to God the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our afflictions. His all-sufficient grace is with you.

With christian greetings, I am
Very truly yours

Robert Robinson

SECOND AUXILIARY MISSIONARY SOCIETY
MARKET SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARRISBURG, PA.

u/ka-

September 18th 1934.

My dear Mrs. Speer -

The members of the
Second Auxiliary Missionary
Society of Market Square
Presbyterian Church wish
to express their deepest
sympathy to you and Dr. Speer
in your recent bereavement.

Sincerely yours,
Rose Huber Spicer, Secretary
(Mrs. John S. Spicer)

Seattle Presbyterial Society
for
National and Foreign Missions
Seattle, Washington

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October 20th, 1934.

Dr. Robert Speer,
Board of Foreign Missions,
Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Dear Brother in Christ:-

The Ladies of Seattle Presbyterial Society were most deeply grieved for you in this tragedy, which has come to you. It seemed such a cruel thing to have to face, and such an untimely end to a young life, consecrated to the Service of Christ, that we can hardly help asking Why?.

But we, who lean on His Promises, and go forth, not in our own strength, but in His Strength, know that["] God works in a mysterious way, His Wonders to perform."

We wish to extend to you and yours in this time of sorrow, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy, and assure you of our earnest Prayers.

Yours in the Master's Service,

Mrs A B Faris
Corresponding Secretary.

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Phyllis Wheatley
Young Women's Christian Association

901 RHODE ISLAND AVE., N. W.

TELEPHONE N. 0191

Washington, D. C.

September 24, 1934.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
National Board,
600 Lexington Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friends:

The Board of Directors of Phyllis Wheatley
Young Women's Christian Association wishes to express its deep
sorrow and regret at the sad news of the loss of your beloved
son, and extend heartfelt sympathy.

Yours most sincerely,

Julia West Hamilton
President.

MRS. ALBERT W. ATWOOD
PRESIDENT
MRS. FRED E. WRIGHT
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MISS HETTIE P. ANDERSON
GENERAL SECRETARY

September 24th 1934

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My dear Mrs. Spear:

The Board of Directors of the Washington Young Women's Christian Association, held its first meeting of the Fall, last Thursday morning. At that time the board was told of the shocking loss of your beloved son.

It was the wish of the board that you know of their high regard for you and of their longing to be of comfort and service to you just now. Please know, that in Washington there is a loyal group of women, whose prayer for you and your family is that the Heavenly Father, who loves us all, may be near to comfort and sustain you now and always.

Very Sincerely Yours

(Mrs. H. H.)

Jessie S. Cooper

Acting - Corresponding Secretary

C. W. H.

Young Women's Christian Association

105 Oglethorpe Avenue, West

Savannah, Georgia

Sept. 20th, 1934.

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Savannah, Georgia

Mrs. Robert Speer,
600 Lexington Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Speer:-

The Young Women's Christian Association
of Savannah, Georgia, wishes to express to you it's heartfelt
sympathy in this time of your sorrow.

Very sincerely,

Daisy H. Stubbs

President

Heen a. Gardner

General Secretary

Lewis S Mudge

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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November 1, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

The General Council at its meeting in Chicago on October 24th, 1934, took the following action which it is my privilege to officially transmit to you and your family.

"The General Council places on its Minutes this note of deep sympathy with Dr. Robert E. Speer in the tragic sorrow which has befallen his household. Dr. Speer's long membership on the General Council has brought this sorrow very close to its members, and we commend him and his loved ones to the sustaining grace of God, to which his experienced Christian faith has accustomed him."

Ever affectionately yours,

Lewis S. Mudge
Secretary
of the
General Council.

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Galesville, Wisconsin,
October 30, 1934.

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Robert E. Speer, Secretary,
The Board Of Foreign Missions
Presbyterian Church U.S.A.,
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

My Dear Brother :
Recently at the meeting of the Synod of Wisconsin,
held in the First Presbyterian Church at Waukesha , it was my privi-
lege and duty to report as chairman of foreign missions .

In the discussion following you were mentioned and remembered
because of the great sorrow that had come to you and your family in
the tragic death of your son. As chairman Synod directed me to write
you, assuring you of our love, our deepest sympathy in your bereav-
ment , and our prayers which ascended to Heaven to Him who can send
The Comfortor in fullest measure.

We of this Synod, with the whole Church, love you as I am sure
no other man in the Church is loved and respected, Doctor Speer. I
am sure that the sincerity of our love , mingling with our prayers
for you, rises as sweet incense pleasing to our Heavenly Father, as
we ask Him to bless you above our poor asking or thinking. May He
who gave His Only Begotten Son who hath bourn our griefs and carried
our sorrows , who Himself is a Father more than any can be, hold you
close and comfortingly in His strong everlasting arms , "Close to the
Heart Of God".

In behalf of your brothers in Christ of the Synod of Wisconsin ,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

Frank Zimmerman
Chmn. Com. Foreign Missions

J. H. Arnold

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
YORK, PA.

October 31, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer, D. D.
Secretary Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Speer:

The tragic death of your brilliant and beloved son deeply enlisted the sympathies of all our churches--ministers, elders, and people.

At the recent meeting of the Presbytery of Donegal we were appointed to convey to you its heartfelt prayers and earnest supplications that the God of all comfort, who alone can bind up the broken-hearted and cause light to shine in the darkness for the upright, may comfort you and all who were near to your son by the dear ties of blood and of friendship.

We have never had the privilege of meeting your son but have known through the years of his deep devotion to the cause of Christ and can better imagine than describe the comfort and joy which he must have been to you as you beheld his progress and his service. Our hearts and our thoughts go out to you and yours. We are profoundly moved because of the dark shadow that has fallen across your life. May God graciously be with you and with your loved ones in this deep and mysterious experience. With sympathy and affection we are,

Truly yours,

J. H. Arnold
W. J. Hogue

Jay Hartzell Arnold
Walter J. Hogue



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Dr Robt. E. Speer.
New York City

Dear Dr Speer:

We are stunned and grieved to hear of your sons death. Words mean little. God whose love you have brought to so many thousands will sustain you and Mrs Speer and Dr. Elliott Speers family.

Our prayers go out for you all.

Sincerely yours

Mr & Mrs J. F. Williamson
and Westminster Choir.

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THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY

STATED CLERK
REV. CORDIE J. CULP, PH.D., D.D.
58 BAYARD STREET, NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

October 17th, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

My dear Dr. Speer:-

I am authorized by the Synod of New Jersey in Annual Session at Atlantic City, Monday and Tuesday of this week, to convey to you the very deep sympathy of the Synod in the great bereavement which has come to you in the tragic death of your son, Elliott Speer, and the Synod prays that God's sustaining grace may rest upon you, your family, and the family of Elliott Speer.

Sympathetically and sincerely,

Cordie J. Culp
Stated Clerk.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 18, 1934.

Doctor Robert E. Speer,
Board of Foreign Missions,
Building.

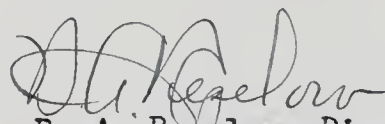
Dear Doctor Speer:

Recently we received a contribution from the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Nacogdoches, Texas. The following note was put on the remittance blank by the Treasurer, J. R. McKinney:

"Please express my deepest sympathy to Doctor Speer on account of his recent bereavement."

Signed (J. R. McKinney).

Very sincerely yours,



B. A. Repelow, Director,
Department of Finance.

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Second Presbyterian Church

Hinman Avenue and Main Street
Evanston, Illinois

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REV. FRANK MITCHELL SILSLEY, D.D., PASTOR

RESIDENCE

911 HINMAN AVENUE

TELEPHONE UNIVERSITY 7988

September 21, 1934

Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I just must express to you my very deep sympathy in your great bereavement. It has just simply shocked the whole country and the untimely taking of your beloved son seems a strange manifestation even in this unusual age. At our home we are praying for you and for the immediate family of your son. May God's grace richly comfort and guard you all.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank M. Silsley

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THOMAS PENN ULLOM, A.M., B.D.
MINISTER

Pemberville, Ohio

September, 28, 1934.

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
New York City, N. Y.

Our Dear Sister, in Christ: As Members of the Women's Missionary Society of the Pemberville Presbyterian Church Toledo Presbytery— At our Regular Monthly Meeting— September 28— We desire to express to you and to Dr. Speer our Sincere Sympathy in the recent tragic death of your Son— Elliott.

Isaiah 41:10. ————— Matthew 11:28-29.

Most Cordially, Your Friends

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| Mrs. D. H. Zimmerman. | |
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| Mrs. L. G. Bowlus. | |

"While in the maddening maze of things, And tossed by storm and flood To one fixed Trust my Spirit clings: I know that God is Good."

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SYNOD OF INDIANA
S. ARTHUR STEWART, D. D., S. C. AND TREAS.
LA PORTE, INDIANA

September 28, 1934

Robert E. Speer, DD
156 Fifth Ave
New York.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

At our meeting of Logansport Presbytery last week I was requested to convey to you and your family our deepest sympathy in these hours of your sorrow.

Our prayer goes out that heaven's greatest comfort may be yours in these days when your journey seems to be through a dark valley.

May God give you strength in these hours of need.

Very sincerely



MODERATOR
R. LINCOLN LONG
2108 COLLINGWOOD AVENUE
TOLEDO, OHIO

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The Synod of Ohio
Of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

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THE MODERATOR

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Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer
c/o Board of Foreign Missions
Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Doctor and Mrs. Speer:

After the news of your grief reached us, so many expressions of the earnest desire and of fellowship with you in that grief have come to my desk that I know I am acting in obedience to the spirit of the entire Synod of Ohio in seeking to express sympathetic fellowship with you.

Mrs. C. R. Adams, President of the Synodical Society for Missions, Synod of Ohio, and I want to assure you that there is a prayer offering for you throughout the entire Synod.

In visiting a number of Presbyteries, Church and group meetings we have everywhere heard many say that your grief in a most exceptional way is of our own household of faith and that they feel a deep sense of limitation in knowing how to demonstrate that sympathy which can often best be demonstrated in the family home by a handclasp and an arm across the shoulder.

Throughout the entire world you have borne such convincing witness of the power of the resurrected Christ that we know none can have more reality of His Presence. Not one of your entire church family could preach to you about that. We who have heard you know how you have towered above us all in your unshakable conviction in the power of the Resurrection. For years many of us have been comforted by your life of service and by your challenging messages. Your visits in and throughout this Synod are gratefully remembered and we now pledge you a fellowship of prayer with the assurance of that gratitude.

Fraternally yours,

R. Lincoln Long

(Mrs. C. R.) Myra Edgester Adams

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Sept. 25, 1934

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Friends:--

At its regular September meeting held in the Broad Street Church of Columbus, Sept. 17, 1934, the Presbytery of Columbus instructed its stated clerk to convey to you in your recent bereavement the sympathy of the brethren of this Fellowship.

The Presbytery can not be unmindful of the many inspirational and instructive addresses which Dr. Speer has delivered in Columbus through the years. His counsel has always been greatly valued and his friendship highly appreciated. Now in this hour of sorrow the members of this communion desire to express their love and consolation.

Most sincerely in behalf of Presbytery

Frank M. Patterson
Stated Clerk

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MODERATOR
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STATED CLERK AND TREASURER
108 S. COLLEGE AVE., GREENCASTLE

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PRESBYTERY OF INDIANAPOLIS
SYNOD OF INDIANA

September 26, 1934

Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Indianapolis a few days ago I was instructed to convey to you and your family the deep sympathy of that body in the sorrow that has come so suddenly into your experience. We all feel so helpless in such hours that words seem so futile. Our prayer is that you may be guided through the valley of the shadow of death to the light and eternal joy beyond. In addition to the message from Presbytery may I add my personal expression of comfort. You have always meant so much to me in my humble ministry here for the past sixteen years. Your whole life and mission have lifted me upward year after year. The whole Church loves you and is praying for you.

Most sincerely,

Victor L. Raphael

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Mankato Presbytery

STATED CLERK AND
TREASURER

ROY E. JONES
TRACY, MINN.

September 27, 1934

Rev. Robert E. Speer D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

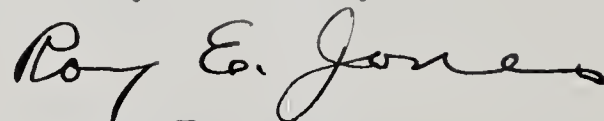
The Mankato Presbytery at its Fall Session meeting at Amboy, Minnesota heard the report of the death of your son. The Mankato Presbytery took action that the Stated Clerk Presbytery send a letter of sympathy.

The members of the Presbytery of Mankato desires to express their loving sympathy to you for the great loss you have sustained in the passing of your beloved son.

We know that you are sustained by the assurance of Him who makes no mistakes, "That all things work together for them that love God."

We pray that the consolation of Him maybe very near and precious to you in these days. That the immortal hope as revealed through Christ maybe your everlasting and abundant joy in these days of sorrow.

Yours very sincerely in Christ,



Roy E. Jones

Stated Clerk

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Addison, N. Y.,
September 28, 1934.

Mr. Robert E. Speer, D. D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York,
N. Y.,

Dear Dr. Speer,

At a meeting of Steuben-Elmira Presbytery last Tuesday reference was made to your recent bereavement. Business was suspended and at the suggestion of a ruling elder prayer was offered for you, your family and the little family of your son. Rev. Harry L. Somers and I were asked to express to you if possible the sincerity of everyone present and Presbytery as a whole in a real sympathy for you.

Many of us have read your books, have known of your unswerving devotion to our Saviour, we have heard you pray; and we know it is needless to point such as you to the God of All Comfort. We pray it may be some comfort to you to know that we are certain that while you are keenly aware of the seriousness of your loss we shall find you in close touch to that Comfort. We believe that if you were permitted to obey the Great Commission through as many years more as you have already served this painful experience would be used to enrich your life rather than mar it, that your love and service for Him who is to reign forever would be as faithful and perhaps fuller of meaning.

Truly sympathetically yours,

J. V. Atwell

For Steuben-Elmira Presbytery

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**THE PRESBYTERY OF MINNEAPOLIS
CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.**

**REV. WM. L. PORTER
STATED CLERK
3425 STEVENS AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.**

September 27th 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My Daer Dr. Speer:-

Your brethren in Minneapolis Presbytery deeply lament the untimely death of your son Elliot. A worthy and useful life has gone from our midst to be with our Lord Jesus.

Your grief is beyond the reach both of our love and words, but we rejoice that the consolation Christ abounds toward you. Your shoulders are already stooped beneath many cares but He will cause you to stand firm.

We commend you to the all-sufficient grace of God and pray that His power may be manifest in you.

Our hearts bleed with yours and we clasp your hand in loyalty and love.

With brotherly love,

Wm. L. Porter

Stated Clerk.

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4308 PERRYVILLE AVE.
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MRS. E. W. DUCKWALL
111 BRILLIANT AVE.
ASPINWALL, PA.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
of the
Presbytery of Pittsburgh

Crafton Pa.
September 28 1934.

Dear Mr. - Mrs. Speer -
The women of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh wish you to know that you have their prayers and sympathy in this trying hour of sorrow and tragedy.

"Be still and know that I am God" comes to our minds and hearts as we think of you. You who have done so much to strengthen the faith of others, to inspire others on to higher and better things, to increase their love and devotion to the Master, surely now during these dark days, God shall supply your every need - He will not leave you comfortless.

Sincerely yours -

(Mrs. Sherman M.) Katherine P. Stauffer -
President
(Miss Anna Laura Safford)
Secy. pro tem.

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PRESBYTERY OF ENID

OFFICE OF
REV. GEO. C. WHITE
STATED CLERK AND TREASURER OF PRESBYTERY

GUYMON, OKLAHOMA

September 29th, 1934.

Rev. Robert E. Spear,
New York City, N. Y.

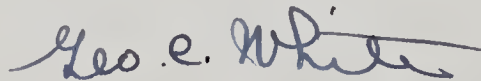
Dear Sir:

The Enid Presbytery, having learned of the tragedy at Northfield, desires to record its profound sorrow, and express its sincere sympathy to Dr. Robert E. Spear and all relatives who have been bereaved by the death of his son.

Signed: Daniel D. Swinney, Chairman
Committee on Foreign Missions.

Done in regular meeting of the Enid Presbytery, meeting at Newkirk, Oklahoma, on September 18th, 1934.

Very truly yours,



Geo. C. White,
Stated Clerk.

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The Presbytery of Dayton

CHARLES L. PLYMATE, *Stated Clerk*
410 ALAMEDA PLACE
DAYTON, OHIO

September 18, 1934

My dear Dr. Speer:

At its meeting today Dayton Presbytery instructed me convey to you an expression of its deep love and to send to you and yours its heartfelt sympathy in your tragic bereavement.

Words are futile, but you have so endeared yourself to us as a group and to so many of us as individuals that this bolt out of the blue, wrenching your heart, has gone straight to our hearts, and Presbytery wanted you to know of its deep concern, its fervent prayers for you and yours, and for the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Cordially,


C. L. Plymate

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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PRESBYTERY OF ROCK RIVER
WM. G. OGLEVEE, STATED CLERK
1548 30TH STREET
ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

September 17, 1934.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Speer:

The Presbytery of Rock River in the Synod of Illinois wish to express to you our deep sense of shock at the tragic death of your dear son, and our warmest sympathy with you in the unutterable loss you have sustained.

Some of our members have had personal acquaintance with you, Dr. Speer, for over forty years, and by all of us you are held in the highest esteem.

We commend you to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and pray that His Spirit may reveal unto you afresh the richness and blessedness of His loving decrees through which all things work together for good to them that love Him, to them who are ^{the} called according to His purpose.

With sincere fraternal affection,

By order of Presbytery,

Wm. G. Oglevee
Stated Clerk.

819
East Liverpool, Ohio

Park Blvd.

Sept. 18, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer

New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Our Steubenville Presbytery met in Steubenville, O. yesterday in regular Fall session; and took action instructing me as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, to convey to you and Mrs. Speer, your Daughter-in-law, and her children, the sympathy of all members of our Presbytery because of the tragic death of your son Rev. Elliot Speer. You have not only our sympathy, but our prayers, and our confidence that your great faith will carry you through the the difficult experience. We know it is a terrible experience to lose a child in death, but one not uncommon to Christians. We like Paul discover that God's "Grace is sufficient for our every need".

I want to take you for the messages given at Winona Lake Bible Conference in August of this year, and especially for the message on the "Resurrection". It was assuring and comforting especially to those of us who have lost a child out of our home in death.

Yours sincerely

E. A. Walker S. C.

Signed and sent for the Presbytery of Steubenville

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Presbytery of Wooster

Wilson H. Sloan, Stated Clerk

1586 Beall Avenue

Wooster, Ohio

September 25, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
New York, N.Y.

Dear Brother Speer:

The Presbytery of Wooster at its meeting yesterday directed me to send to you the following resolution:

The Presbytery of Wooster has learned with deep sorrow of the untimely death of your son Elliott. We want to assure you of the keen sympathy that goes out from each one of our hearts directly to you in this time of your great bereavement. Our prayer is that you and Mrs Speer may find adequate comfort in the conscious presence of Him who shed tears by the grave of his own dear earthly friend.

Very Sincerely

Wilson H. Sloan
Stated Clerk.

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Westminster Presbyterian Church

Madison Avenue at Olive Street
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Peter Kenneth Emmons, Minister

September 27th, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I have not written to you since we were all so terribly shocked by the tragic death of Elliott but I am sure you know that you and Mrs. Speer and Elliott's wife have been very often in my thoughts and in my prayers.

I knew that you would be flooded with letters and messages of all kinds and felt that perhaps the kinder thing was not to add to that deluge. However, at our Presbytery meeting which concluded yesterday, in connection with my Foreign Missions report the Presbytery, on its own initiative and without any suggestion from me, passed a resolution instructing me as the Moderator to convey to you and Mrs. Speer and also to Elliott's wife our deep affection and sincere and prayerful sympathy in this bereavement.

I have heard through Dusty Russell of your wonderful fortitude and Christian grace which, of course, we knew you all would display under such a testing experience. Surely it is at a time like this that our firm conviction in the controlling wisdom and transforming power of a loving heavenly Father, who can even bring a blessing out of tragedy, becomes the focal point of our life's interest and the sustaining power of courage and hope.

I assure you that there are literally scores of ministers and laymen throughout this whole region who are definitely and personally remembering you in their prayers.

Most sincerely yours,



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To Dr. Robert E. Speer
and Family:

The Presbytery of Flint has been inexpressibly shocked by the news of the mysterious murder of Dr. Elliott Speer of Northfield.

The Presbytery in human darkness turns to the divine light and humbly and fervently commends you and your sorrowing family to the God of all grace and comfort.

Alex. E. Cameron, Moderator.

Fenton Michigan,

George B. Crawford, Stated Clerk.

September 18th, 1934.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

PRESBYTERIES

Chester
Philadelphia
Philadelphia North
West Jersey

Presbyterian Ministerial Association
OF PHILADELPHIA

Westminster Hall, Witherspoon Building

Sept, 25, 1934

Dr. Robt E. Speer,
Secy Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Ave,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

At the last meeting of our Phila Ministers' Association, of which I'm secretary, it was voted that the Association, thru me, express its deep and sincere sympathy with you in your heart-breaking bereavement. Needless to say all of us were shaken with the very sad news, but outsiders can't feel it like you do, and our part can only be expressed by mere words, but even those words sometimes do a great deal in such hours. The words of sympathy

we send you this day and for
that purpose. The tremenda-
ous hosts of friends have lifted
you up to the great white throne
of God's immense mercy
and from thence your help
will always come for every
trial and heart ache.

"Now we see thro' a glass
darkly, but then, face to face".

Please know, hereby, that
all the members of the Phila
Pres. Ministers Association
wish to share with you
in your loss as far
as they so humanly
possible, and commend
you and yours to the hands
of the Great Physician.

Yours sincerely,
3413 Midvale Ave. East Falls Pa. J. M. M. M.

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PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER
SYNOD OF NEW YORK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN U.S.A.

REV. THOMAS CHALMERS STRAUS
STATED CLERK
101 NASSAU PLACE
PEEKSKILL, N. Y.

September 26th, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

At its meeting in South Yonkers, yesterday, the 25th inst., the Presbytery of Westchester commissioned me to express to you, on behalf of the Presbytery, the heartfelt sympathy which we all have with you in your present sorrow.

We are thankful that you are sustained under the burden of grief and we pray that you may continue to receive constant comfort and strength.

In conveying to you this assurance of our sympathy and affectionate regard, may I express the hope, that this, with many like expressions which you are receiving, will be of help to you in this time of trial?

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas C. Straus

Thomas C. Straus

Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

MISS MARY A. NESBITT
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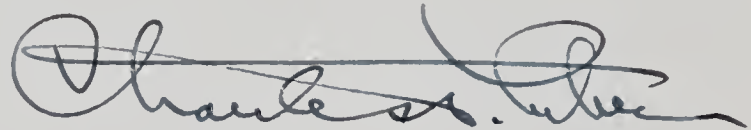
September twentieth
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Dear Dr. and Mrs. Speer:

The Session of the Green Ridge Presbyterian Church at their meeting last Monday evening faced with distress and sorrow the news of the death of your son, Elliott. We join with the large number of your devoted friends in expressing our deepest sympathy and earnest prayer for your comfort and strength in the midst of this great tribulation. We unite our prayers with the many others which we know are being offered for you that God, our Father, will continue to be so very real in your life that you will have an ever increasing consciousness of the peace of God which passeth all human understanding.

In behalf of the Session of the Green Ridge Presbyterian Church and with most cordial and affectionate regards, we are

Sincerely,



Pastor



Clerk of Session

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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THE PRESBYTERY OF CHESTER
REV. WILLIAM TENTON KRUSE, STATED CLERK
MEDIA, PENNSYLVANIA

September 26, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

It falls to me as my sad pleasure as its Stated clerk, and with my personal deep and prayerful sympathy, to send you this action of our Presbytery taken yesterday by its unanimous and heartfelt action.

In view of the recent tragic death of Rev. Elliot Speer, son of our beloved and esteemed Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, Dr. Robert E. Speer, the Presbytery of Chester, meeting in regular session at Parkesburg, Pa., on September 25th, 1934, hereby extends to Dr. Speer and his family, and the family of his lamented son, its most sincere Christian sympathy, with the prayer that our loving Heavenly Father may send into their saddened hearts the satisfying and abiding comfort of His Holy Spirit and bestow upon them all that sustaining grace and eternal Peace that only He can give.

On behalf of the Presbytery of Chester,
and for myself, with deepest sympathy,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

William Tenton Kruse, Stated Clerk

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1628 W. Court St.
Flint, Mich.
September 19th, '34.

Robert E. Speer, D.D., LL.D.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

By direction of the Presbytery, I am sending to you a copy of the action taken yesterday by the Presbytery of Flint as the Presbytery sought to express its sorrow with you in your sorrow.

I wish to add my own heart break in what I know must be a breaking heart in you. I have been on the Northfield campus, and cannot imagine anything more incongruous with that peaceful scene, than this terrible slaying of so valuable a leader among men. As I think of what this means to you and your family, there comes to me over and over, "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." From human perfidy we have the refuge of Divine Love.

May the tender Christ sustain you and yours is my prayer.

In Christ, yours,

George B. Crawford

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Postville, Iowa, September 18, 1934

Mr. Robert E. Speer, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

The Presbytery of Dubuque, in session at Manchester, Iowa, to-day, directed me to convey to you its deep sympathy. We sorrow - not as you do - but deeply and sincerely with you and your family. In special prayer we have commended you to God for His comfort and strength. The Presbyterian Church in all the world loves you and whenever you are hurt, we are hurt, and we know that our little group here is just a part of the whole church pouring out its heart to God for you.

May God bless you and keep you, is the prayer of
The Presbytery of Dubuque.

Very respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. F. Galloway". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

R. F. Galloway, Stated Clerk

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Wm. H. Mason
Minister

Stated Clerk and Treasurer
of Mattoon Presbytery

BETHANY, ILL., September 19 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer
New York

My Dear Dr. Speer:

The presbytery of Mattoon by unanimous action yesterday conveys to you our sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers as you go forward in your great task under the shadow of that cruel tragedy which has robbed you of your gifted son in the midst of his useful career.

May the conscious benedictions of our gracious Lord be yours in fullest measure.

Sincerely Yours in the Faith of our Fathers,
Wm. H. Mason, S. C.

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First Presbyterian Church

W. E. SHIREY, PASTOR

THE MANSE. 621 SOUTH WALNUT STREET.

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Sept. 19, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
New York, N.Y.

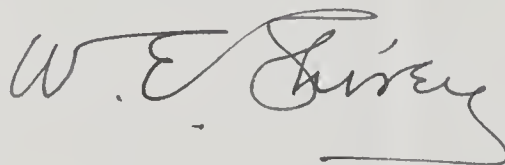
Dear Dr. Speer:-

Our hearts are torn for you in the tragic experience that has come so suddenly into your home. Our Presbytery grieved deeply with you and will express that grief, but I wanted to add my personal word of sympathy. It was never my privilege to know the one whose life was so ruthlessly destroyed, but your friendship has been such a joy and privilege to me that we in our home feel that we knew you all. Personally and for my family this word of sympathy and concern comes to you.

"There is a place of quiet rest
Near to the heart of God".

Faithfully,

W.E. SHIREY



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PRESBYTERY OF VINCENNES
REV. GEORGE C. HITCHCOCK
STATED CLERK AND TREASURER
611 EAST MAIN STREET
WASHINGTON, - INDIANA

September 19, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
New York City,
Dear Dr. Speer:

The Presbytery of Vincennes in session now has just learned of your sudden sorrow in the death of your son and I have been instructed to send to you the sincere sympathy of every member of Presbytery.

We want you to know that we are sharing your sorrow with you. All business in Presbytery was ceased and a season of prayer was held, remembering you and your loved ones before the Throne of Grace, and in the presence of our Dear Lord of whose Living Presence you told us at Winona in your message on the Resurrection. I know that your religion is real and that the Compassionate Christ is very tenderly real just now.

The first thing which flashed into my mind when it was announced in Presbytery was what you said about the death of your "Little Three Year Old Daughter, and the letter which came from a friend, saying, "She is safer now than she was with us". Your son is safe and your sorrow is safe, - underneath are the Everlasting Arms. How real "The Blessed Hope" is to you now, that God will bring our loved ones with Him. "Therefore comfort one another with these words", is our earnest prayer.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Hitchcock.

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REVEREND CARL BRENTON BARE
Minister.
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Assistant.

The Presbyterian Church
in the Town of Rye
New York

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Clerk of Session.
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Sept. 18, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

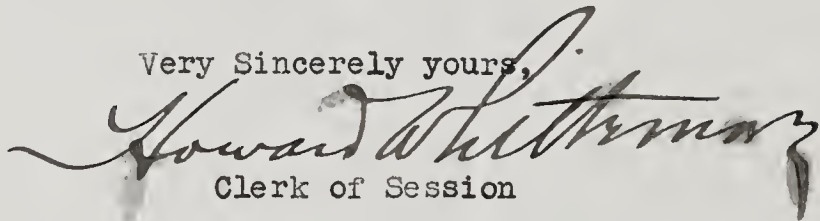
Dear Doctor Speer:

At a meeting of Session held last night the following action was taken:

Be it Resolved:

That the Session of the Presbyterian Church in the Town of Rye, New York hereby express to Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer its sorrow over the most tragic death of their son, the Rev. Elliott Speer and extend to them its deepest sympathy.

Very Sincerely yours,


Clerk of Session

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November 17, 1934

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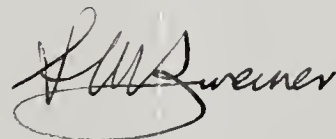
Dear Robert:

At the meeting of the A. C. L. S. M. held yesterday you and Dr. Chamberlain were especially remembered in prayer, and I was requested on behalf of the members of the board who were present to write you a brief note expressing our sympathy with you and Mrs. Speer in your great loss.

None of your friends forget to remember you in prayer, least of all the little circle who are bound so closely to you by the common fellowship of the great task. We know how heavy are the burdens that you carry, and the load at times must be well nigh crushing. But it is good to know that our Master gives us strength according to our day and never fails us.

Affectionately yours,

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We also sent a special message to Dr. Chamberlain who is still at Clifton Springs.

C. A. Hawley

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Hazelton, Idaho

November 4, '74

Robert E. Speer, D.D.

New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer;

At its recent meeting in Twin Falls, Idaho, the Synod of Idaho instructed its Stated Clerk to express to you the sympathy of the brethren for you in your great bereavement and to wish for God's richest blessing upon you and yours.

Sincerely your brother,

C. A. Hawley

stated clerk, Synod of Idaho

Larimore C. Denise

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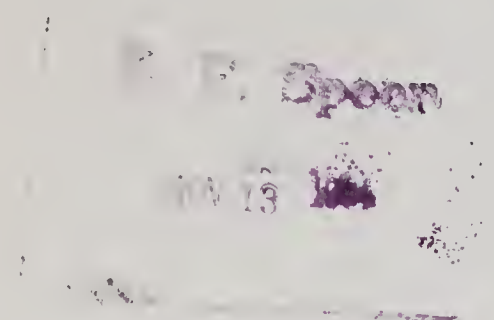
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Nov.
10th
1934

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.
156 5th Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Speer:

While I have joined with numerous ecclesiastical bodies in their expression of sympathy with you, Mrs. Speer and Mrs. Elliott Speer in the sorrow which has come to you, I have not written personally. However, I want to add my personal word to the host of other messages which you have doubtless received and to assure you of my affection and esteem and confidence that God will sustain you and your family in your personal sorrows as he has aided you these many years in your outstanding service to the Church of Christ about the world.

Sincerely yours,

Larimore C. Denise

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415 1st St. S. W.,
Crosby, Minnesota,
September 20, 1934.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Tuesday my attention was called to an article in the Minneapolis Journal, giving an account of the tragic death of your dear son. Further than what is stated in the paper we know nothing at all, and are hoping that it is all a mistake, and that there is no truth in the story.

However, acting on the assumption that it is true, the Presbytery of Red River instructed me, as its Foreign Missions chairman, to express to you our deepest sympathy in your time of bereavement.

Believe me when I say that during your many years of devoted service in the cause of foreign missions we have learned to love you most sincerely, and we feel that what is your sorrow is our sorrow too. Those things which befall us are often mysterious to us. And just because we cannot understand them we are prone to rebel. But I believe we know you well enough to know that such will not be the case with you. You have known too long, and experienced too deeply, the truth Paul expressed in Romans 8:28, to be thrown off your feet even under the most severe trial. Truly God has been trying you in these last years. How well many of us know what you have gone through! And now comes this terrific personal sorrow. How little any of us may say that will really help now! Well I know that over much talking at a time like this is not only futile, but may even be an aggravation. So I shall not prolong words, but tell you as simply and as earnestly as I can, that our hearts go out to you, and to all the family, in deepest sympathy. We earnestly pray God that He will sustain all of you, and that He will give you the grace to say within your hearts: "It is His blessed will. I am well content." May I suggest to you a re-reading just now of I Peter 4:12-19.

I also take the liberty of assuring you of my personal sympathy, as well as that of Presbytery.

Yours in sincerest Christian love and sympathy,

Presbytery of Red River.
By Robert L. Kinkade,
Chairman of Foreign Missions
Committee.

Robert L. Kinkade

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First Presbyterian Church

COUNTY AND KEMPTON STS. :: NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

JOHN A. MCCLELLAND, PASTOR

September 21st, 34,

Dr, Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr, Speer,

The entire constituency of the church at New Bedford, sympathise with you and yours, in this hour of sorrow that has befallen you,

At the services last Sabbath we specially remembered you all, May the Everlasting Arms be underneath, in this hour of mystery and bereavement, Praying that Isa, 43;1;2, may be fulfilled to you and Mrs, Speer, with the widow and her children,

"Until the day break and the shadows flee away", with prayerful remembrance, I remain,

Fraternally,

John A. McClelland.

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In Memoriam

*In the name of the Father and the
Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.*

In Memory of

Rev. Elliott Speer,

Who departed this life

September 14th 1934,

Age

Interment at

Services conducted by



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FRENCH CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
P. L. BRUCE, PASTOR
FRENCH CREEK, W. VA.

Sep. 23. 1934

Dr. Robt. E. Speer

156. 5th Ave. New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

If you will permit me I should like to say to you that I am deeply distressed to learn of your son's tragic death. I have had some correspondence with Dr. Elliott Speer about Mt. Hermon School. I desire to assure you and your family of my deepest sympathy. At the Fall meeting of Grapton Presbytery a pause was made and the Presbytery engaged in special prayer for you.

I have met you several times. I think the last time was when you were our guest.

at the Centennial meeting of the
Clarksburg Church 1924 at
Clarksburg, W. Va.

With kind regards

Cordially yours

P. L. Gruel

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WILLIAM H. MASON. D. D.

MINISTER

THE MANSE
115 TAWAS ST.

Alpena, Michigan
September 21, 1934

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City, New York

Dear Dr. Speer:

The Presbytery of Saginaw, Synod of Michigan, instructs me to convey to you and Mrs. Speer the very sincere sympathy of the whole Presbytery in the overwhelming sorrow through which in the providence of God you have recently been called to pass.

While there seems to be no way to convey formal expressions of sympathy after an informal fashion, from my heart I assure you that our sympathy with and our love for you and yours is in no sense formal, but tenderly personal.

No one in the whole Presbyterian Communion is more sincerely loved and trusted and honored amongst us than yourself. When sorrow touches you or yours it touches us, so deep and grateful is our regard for you.

The routine business of Presbytery at its Fall Meeting was suspended for a season while you and your household were tenderly commended to our heavenly Father's most gracious love and care.

Well do we know that you and Mrs. Speer have sought and found that only source of comfort and

strength which remaineth to the childzen of God, but our hearts, too, require comfort and strength as we fellowship with you in your bitter bereavement, and together with you we seek to yeild our wills to our Father's better way, and seek with you renewal of devotion to those holy tasks to which you have so freely given yourself throughout the years.

"Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth."
Your life and ministry will be still richer because you have passed through the crucible of tears.

With tender love, and sincere christian regards, I am, on behalf of the Presbytery of Saginaw,
Lovingly,

William H. Mason

Stated Clerk
Presbytery of Saginaw

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Buena Memorial Presbyterian Church

REV. HENRY HEPBURN, D. D., PASTOR

SHERIDAN ROAD AND BROADWAY
NEAR MONTROSE AVENUE

STUDY, 4301 SHERIDAN ROAD
PHONE LAKE VIEW 3511

CHICAGO.

October 10, 1934

Reverend Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

My dear Dr. Speer:

At a meeting of the Buena Memorial Session held October 2, 1934, it was moved that a message of sympathy be sent to you and members of your family and Mrs. Elliott Speer, in this time of your great grief. Our hearts go out to you and individually as well as in the prayer services of the church you have been remembered. We assure you that we will continue to pray that the God of all comfort may give His assisting grace to you and your dear ones in the grief over the tragic death of Dr. Elliott Speer.

Only the power of the risen and interceding Christ can sustain and steady you in the great test through which you are passing. May you and your home lean heavily upon the everlasting arms until the morning when the tears are wiped away.

Yours in christian fellowship,

Henry Hepburn
Moderator
George T. Randall
Clerk